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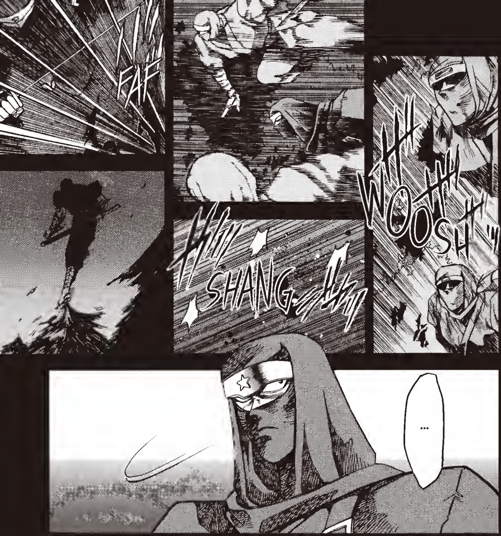
FAF
WOOSH
SHANG
...

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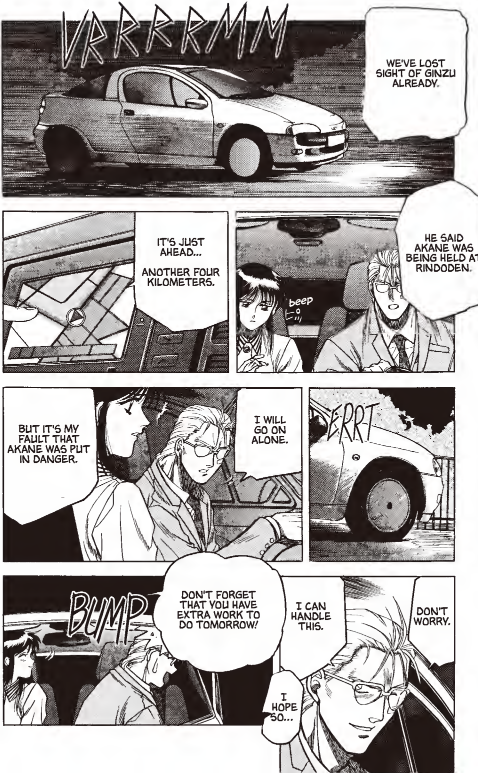
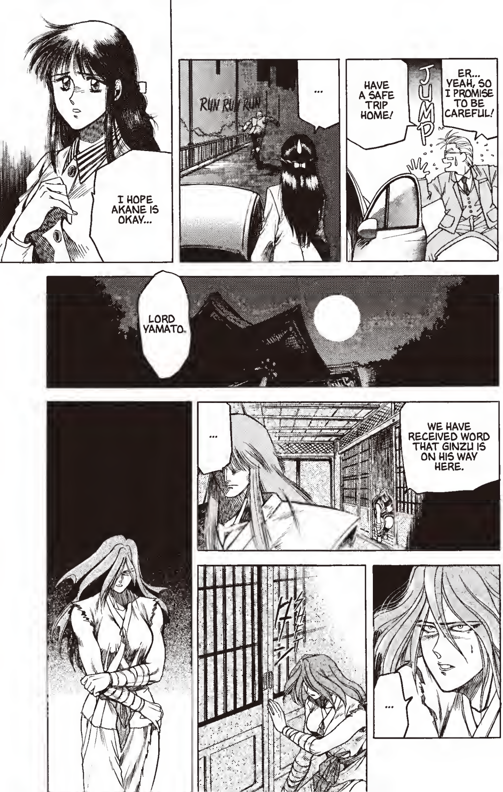
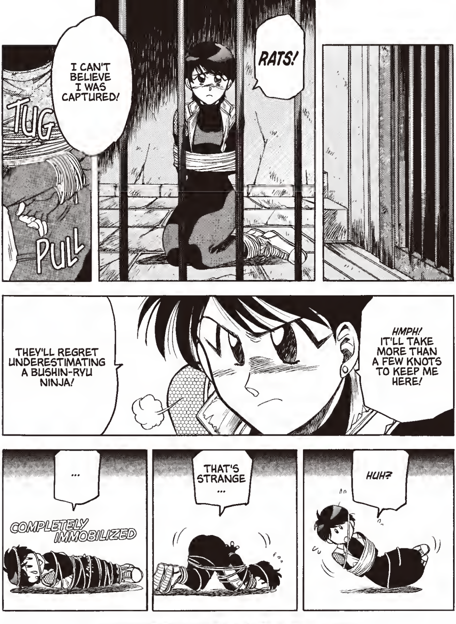
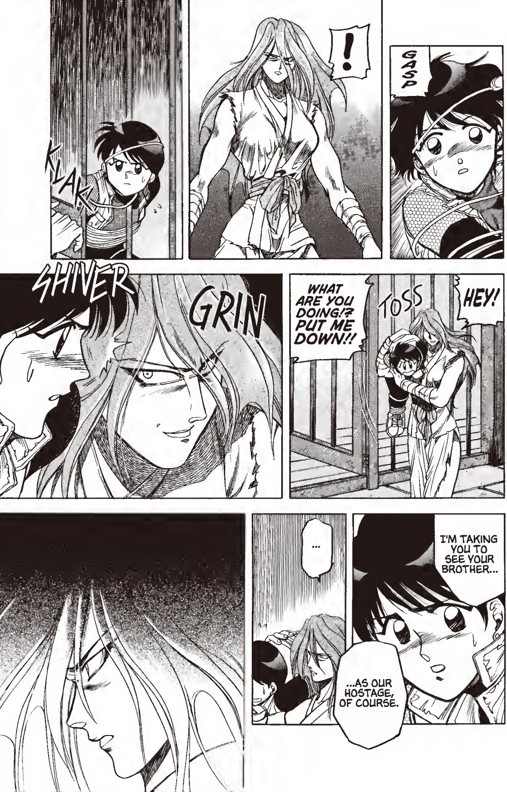
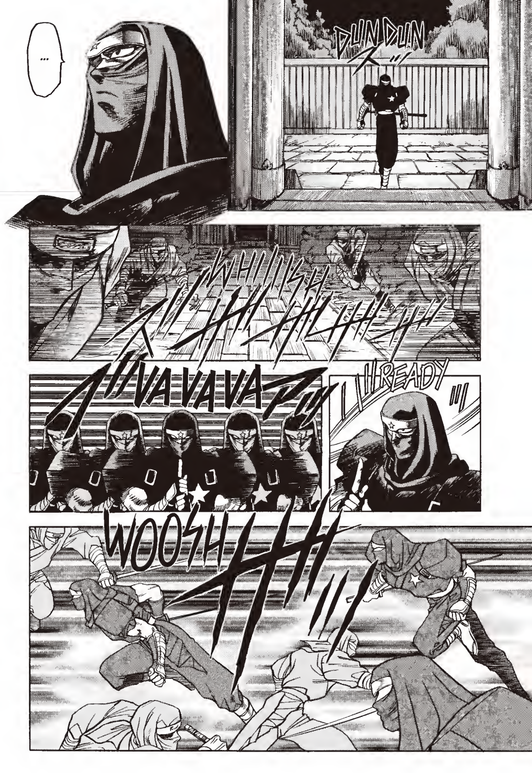
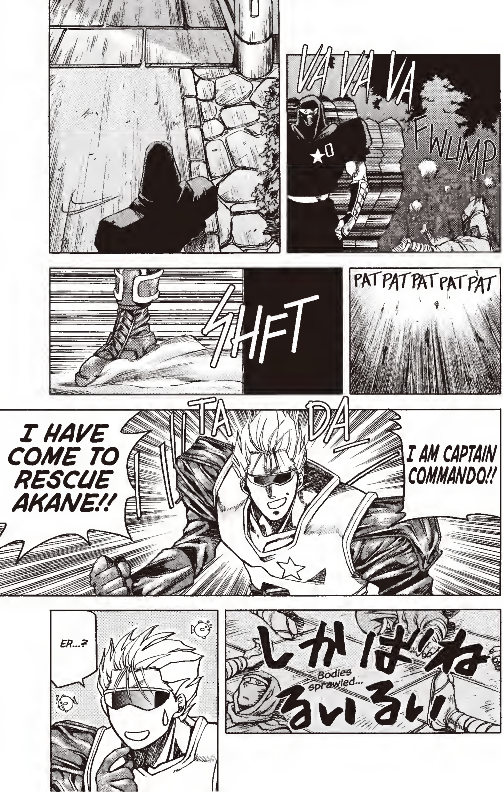

VRRRRMM
WE'VE LOST SIGHT OF GINZU ALREADY.
HE SAID AKANE WAS BEING HELD AT RINDODEN.
beep
IT'S JUST AHEAD...
ANOTHER FOUR KILOMETERS.
ERRT
I WILL GO ON ALONE.
BUT IT'S MY FAULT THAT AKANE WAS PUT IN DANGER.
DON'T WORRY.
I CAN HANDLE THIS.
I HOPE SO...
DON'T FORGET THAT YOU HAVE EXTRA WORK TO DO TOMORROW!
BUMP

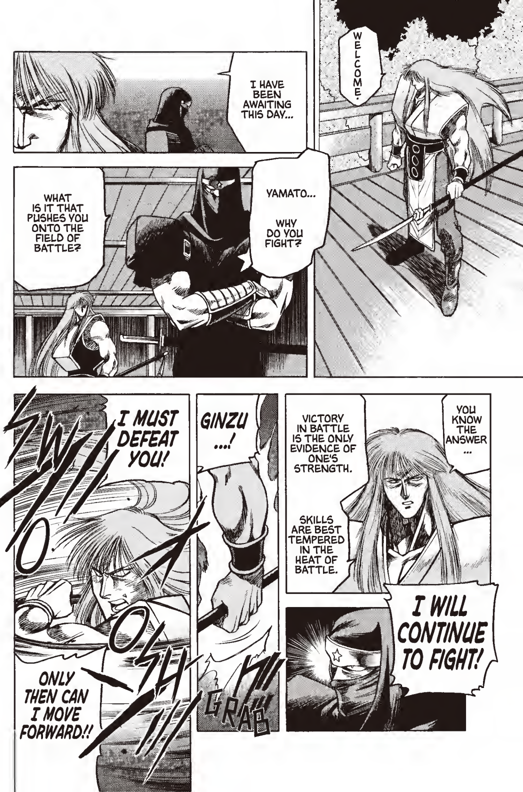

ER... YEAH, SO I PROMISE TO BE CAREFUL!
JUMP
HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!
...
RUN RUN RUN
I HOPE AKANE IS OKAY...
LORD YAMATO.
WE HAVE RECEIVED WORD THAT GINZU IS ON HIS WAY HERE.
...
...
SHFFT

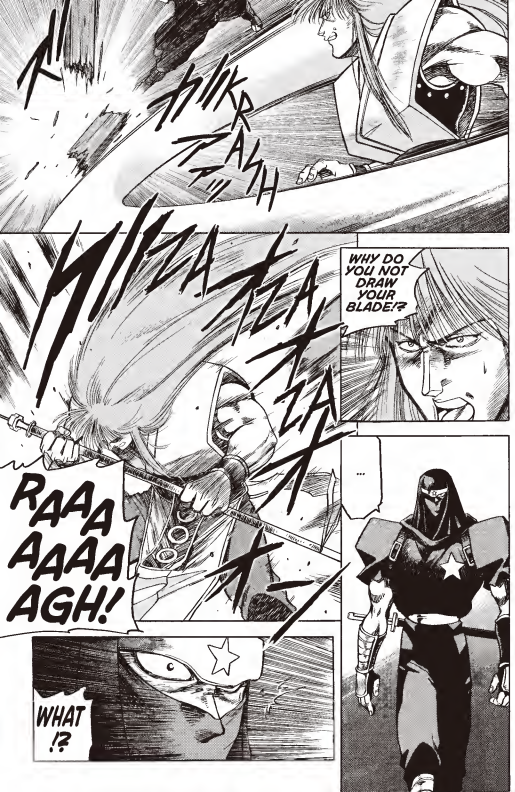

RATS!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I WAS CAPTURED!
TUG
PULL
HMPH! IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN A FEW KNOTS TO KEEP ME HERE!
THEY'LL REGRET UNDERESTIMATING A BUSHIN-RYU NINJA!
HUH?
THAT'S STRANGE ...
...
COMPLETELY IMMOBILIZED
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN!?
whine
THIS ISN'T THE WAY IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE!!

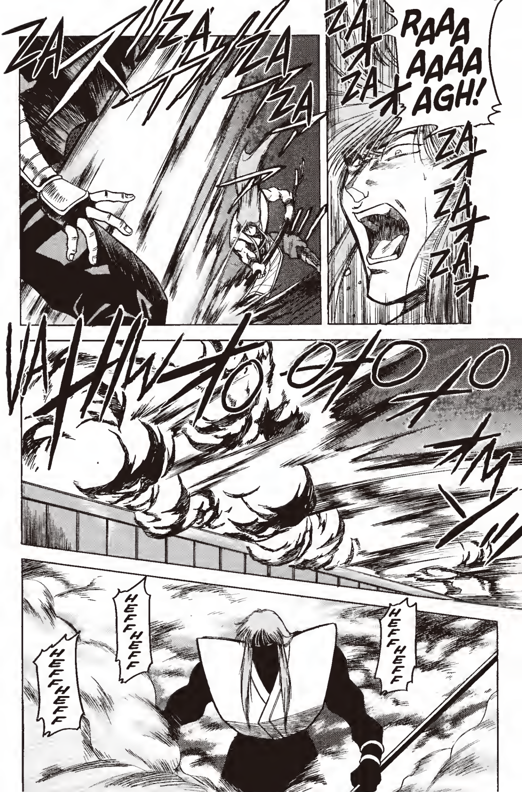

GASP
!
KLAK
HEY!
TOSS
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? PUT ME DOWN!!
GRIN
SHIVER
I'M TAKING YOU TO SEE YOUR BROTHER...
...AS OUR HOSTAGE, OF COURSE.
...

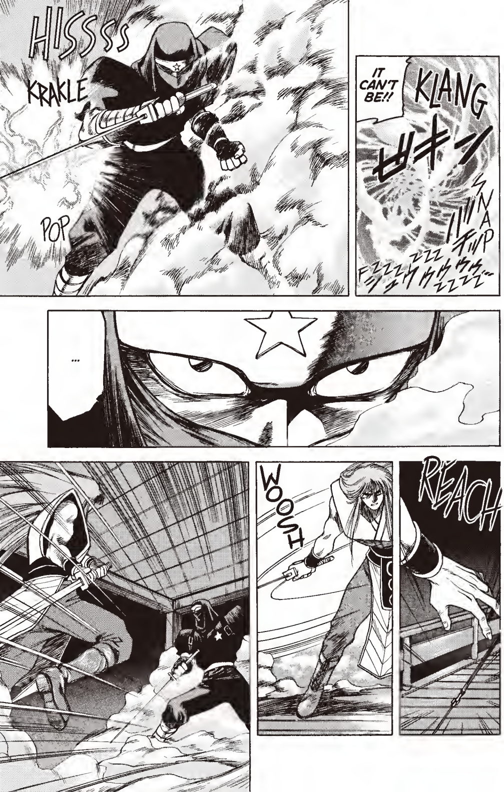

DUN DUN
…
WHIIISH
READY
VA VA VA
WOOSH

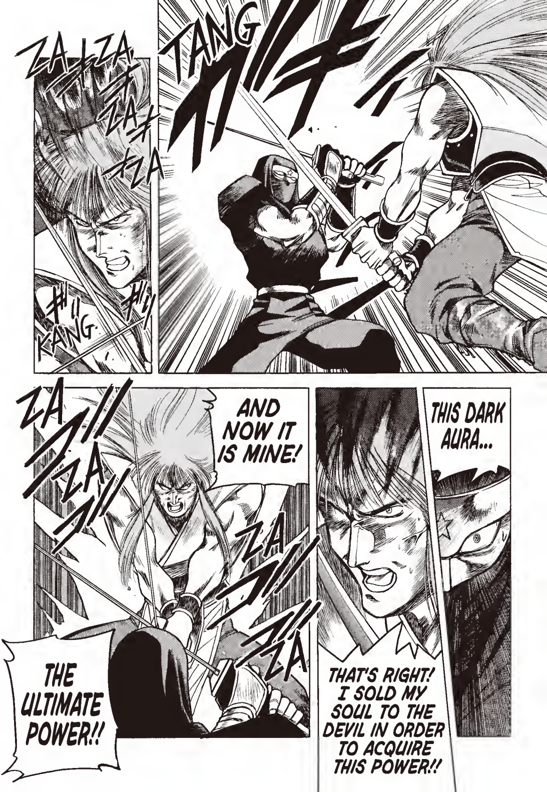

VA VA VA
FWUMP
PAT PAT PAT PAT PAT
SHFT
TA DA
I AM CAPTAIN COMMANDO!!
I HAVE COME TO RESCUE AKANE!!
しかばね
るいるい
Bodies sprawled...
ER...?

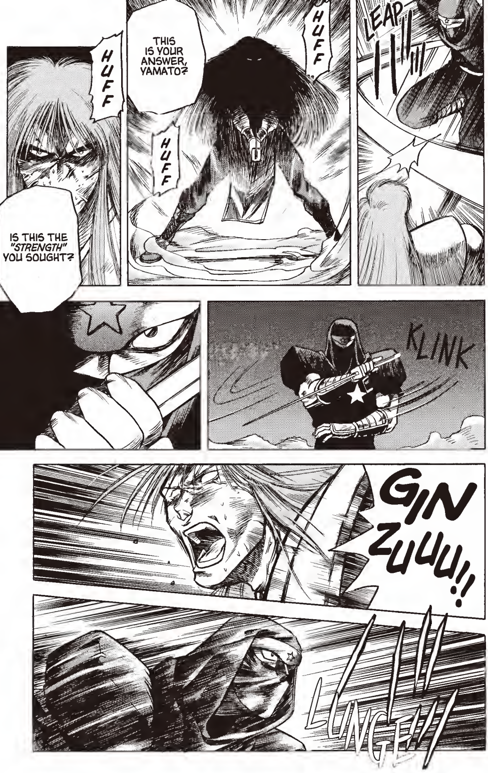

WELCOME.
I HAVE BEEN AWAITING THIS DAY...
YAMATO... WHY DO YOU FIGHT?
WHAT IS IT THAT PUSHES YOU ONTO THE FIELD OF BATTLE?
YOU KNOW THE ANSWER...
VICTORY IN BATTLE IS THE ONLY EVIDENCE OF ONE'S STRENGTH.
SKILLS ARE BEST TEMPERED IN THE HEAT OF BATTLE.
I WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT!
GINZU ...!
GRAB
I MUST DEFEAT YOU!
ONLY THEN CAN I MOVE FORWARD!!
SWOOSH

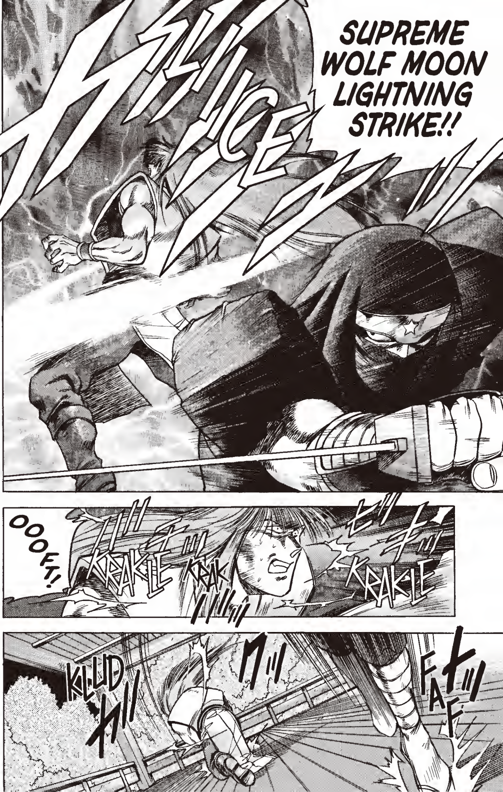

KRASH
ZA ZA ZA
WHY DO YOU NOT DRAW YOUR BLADE!?
RAAAAAAAAGH!
...
WHAT!?

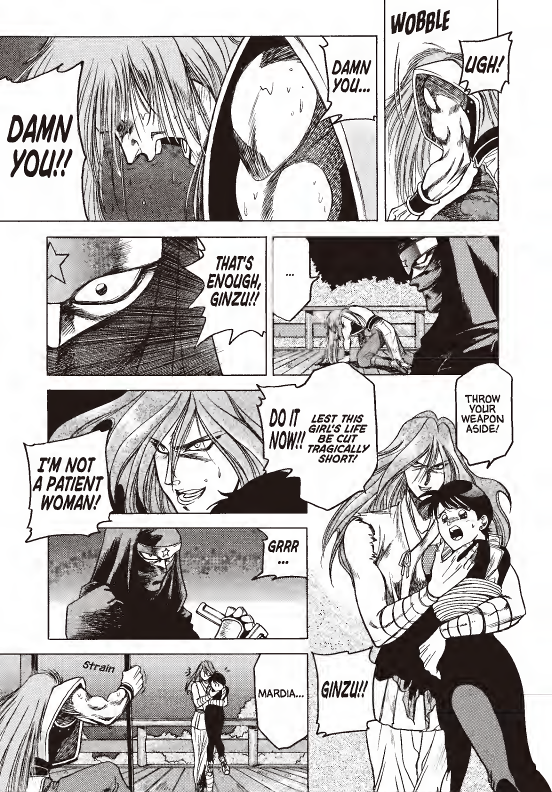

RAAAAAAAAGH!
ZA ZA
ZA ZA ZA
ZA ZA ZA ZA ZA
VAHHWOOOOO
HEFF HEFF
HEFF HEFF
HEFF HEFF

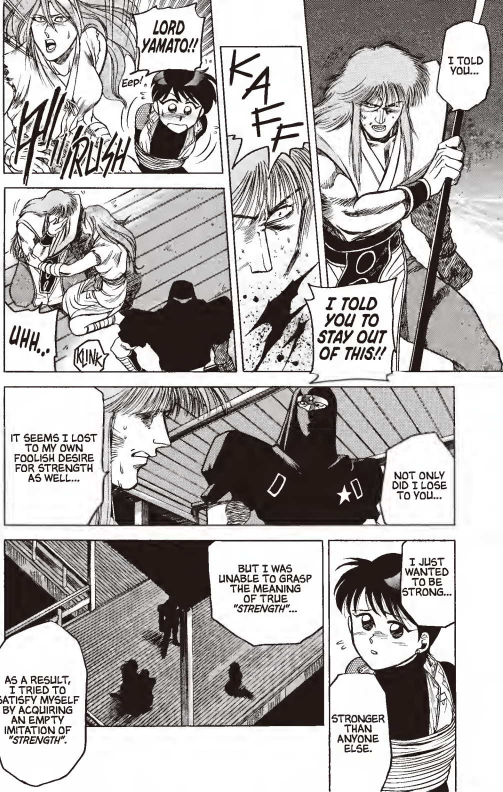

IT CAN'T BE!!
KLANG
セキン
SNAP
バチッ
FZZZZZZZZZZ
ジュウウウウ…
HISSsss
KRAKLE
POP
...
REACH
WOOSH

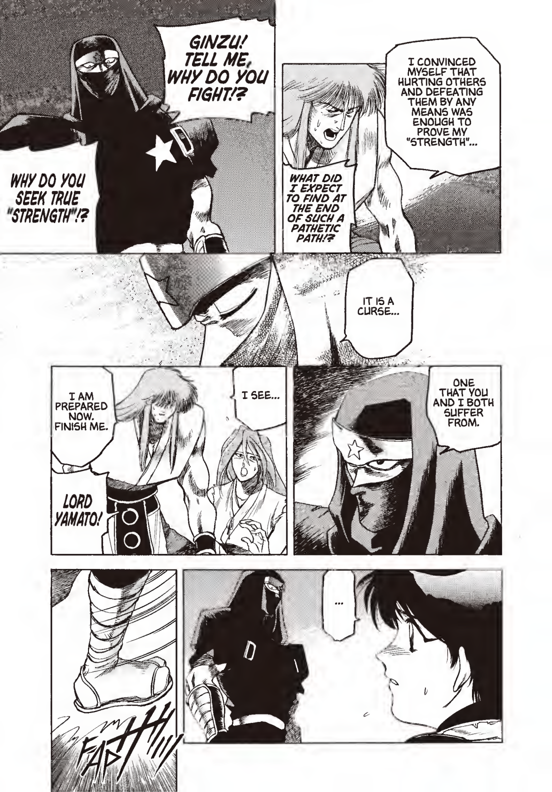

TANG
ZA ZA ZA ZA ZA
KANG
THIS DARK AURA...
THAT'S RIGHT! I SOLD MY SOUL TO THE DEVIL IN ORDER TO ACQUIRE THIS POWER!!
ZA ZA
AND NOW IT IS MINE!
ZA ZA
THE ULTIMATE POWER!!

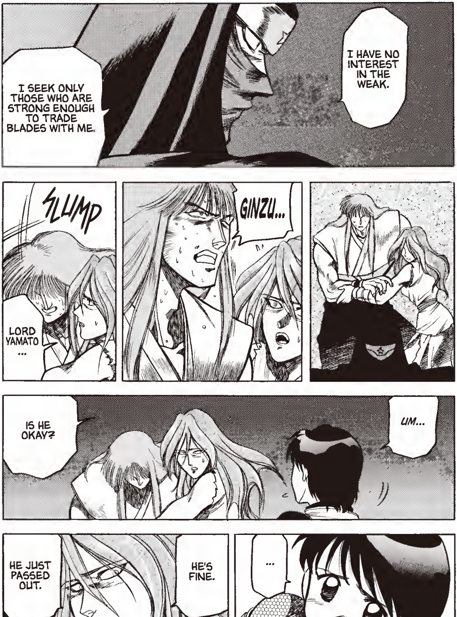

LEAP
HUFF
THIS IS YOUR ANSWER, YAMATO?
HUFF
HUFF
IS THIS THE *"STRENGTH"* YOU SOUGHT?
KLINK
GIN ZUUU!!
LUNGE!!

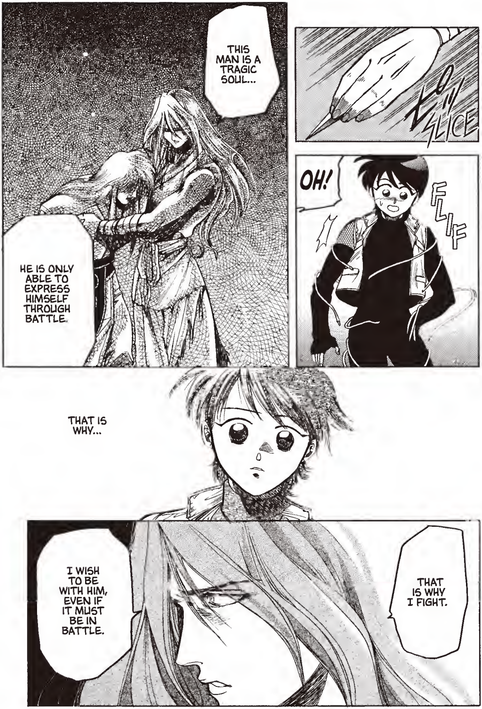

SUPREME WOLF MOON LIGHTNING STRIKE!!
SLIICE
KRAKLE
KRAK
KRAKLE
OOOFT!!
FAF
KLUD

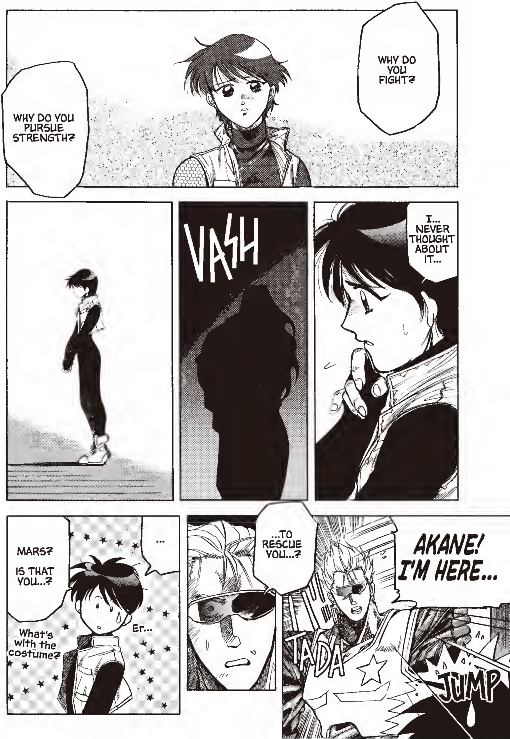

WOBBLE
UGH!
DAMN YOU...
DAMN YOU!!
...
THAT'S ENOUGH, GINZU!!
THROW YOUR WEAPON ASIDE!
DO IT NOW!!
LEST THIS GIRL'S LIFE BE CUT TRAGICALLY SHORT!
I'M NOT A PATIENT WOMAN!
GRRR ...
GINZU!!
MARDIA...
Strain

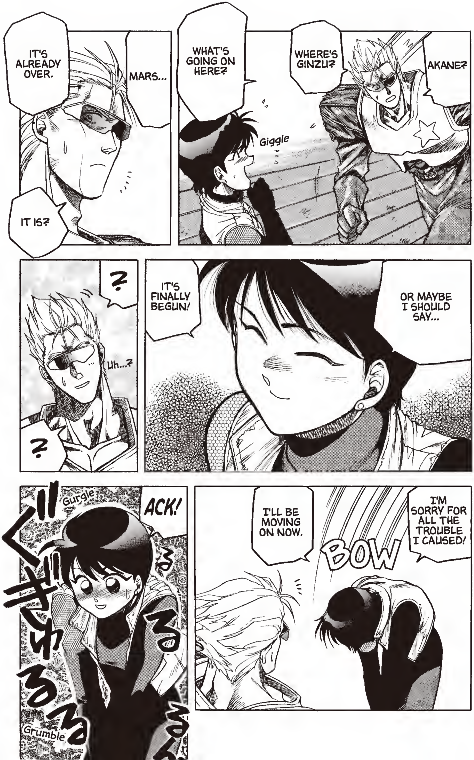

I TOLD YOU...
KAFF
I TOLD YOU TO STAY OUT OF THIS!!
LORD YAMATO!!
Eep!
RUSH
UHH..
KLINK
NOT ONLY DID I LOSE TO YOU...
IT SEEMS I LOST TO MY OWN FOOLISH DESIRE FOR STRENGTH AS WELL...
I JUST WANTED TO BE STRONG...
STRONGER THAN ANYONE ELSE.
BUT I WAS UNABLE TO GRASP THE MEANING OF TRUE "STRENGTH"...
AS A RESULT, I TRIED TO SATISFY MYSELF BY ACQUIRING AN EMPTY IMITATION OF "STRENGTH".

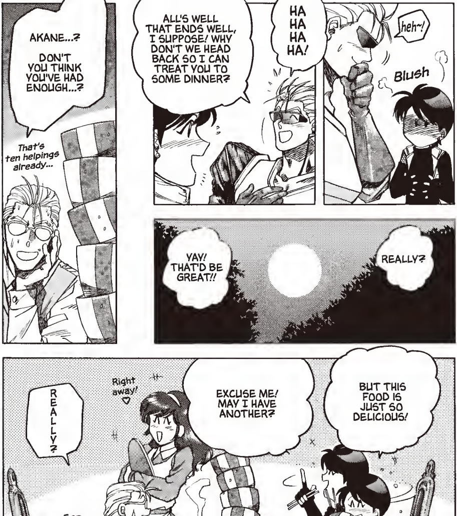

GINZU! TELL ME, WHY DO YOU FIGHT!?
WHY DO YOU SEEK TRUE "STRENGTH"!?
I CONVINCED MYSELF THAT HURTING OTHERS AND DEFEATING THEM BY ANY MEANS WAS ENOUGH TO PROVE MY "STRENGTH"...
WHAT DID I EXPECT TO FIND AT THE END OF SUCH A PATHETIC PATH!?
IT IS A CURSE...
ONE THAT YOU AND I BOTH SUFFER FROM.
I SEE...
I AM PREPARED NOW. FINISH ME.
LORD YAMATO!
FAP!
...


I HAVE NO INTEREST IN THE WEAK.
I SEEK ONLY THOSE WHO ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO TRADE BLADES WITH ME.
GINZU...
SLUMP
LORD YAMATO ...
UM...
IS HE OKAY?
...
HE'S FINE.
HE JUST PASSED OUT.


SLICE
OH!
FLIP
THIS MAN IS A TRAGIC SOUL...
HE IS ONLY ABLE TO EXPRESS HIMSELF THROUGH BATTLE.
THAT IS WHY...
THAT IS WHY I FIGHT.
I WISH TO BE WITH HIM, EVEN IF IT MUST BE IN BATTLE.


WHY DO YOU FIGHT?
WHY DO YOU PURSUE STRENGTH?
I... NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT...
VASH
AKANE! I'M HERE...
TADA
JUMP
...TO RESCUE YOU...?
...
MARS? IS THAT YOU...?
Er...
What's with the costume?


AKANE?
WHERE'S GINZU?
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
Giggle
MARS...
IT'S ALREADY OVER.
IT IS?
OR MAYBE I SHOULD SAY...
IT'S FINALLY BEGUN!
?
Uh...?
?
I'M SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLE I CAUSED!
BOW
I'LL BE MOVING ON NOW.
ACK!
Gurgle
ぐぎゅるる
るるる
Grumble


heh~!
Blush
HA HA HA HA!
ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL, I SUPPOSE! WHY DON'T WE HEAD BACK SO I CAN TREAT YOU TO SOME DINNER?
REALLY?
YAY! THAT'D BE GREAT!!
AKANE...? DON'T YOU THINK YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH...?
That's ten helpings already...
BUT THIS FOOD IS JUST SO DELICIOUS!
EXCUSE ME! MAY I HAVE ANOTHER?
Right away! ♡
REALLY?
Eep...

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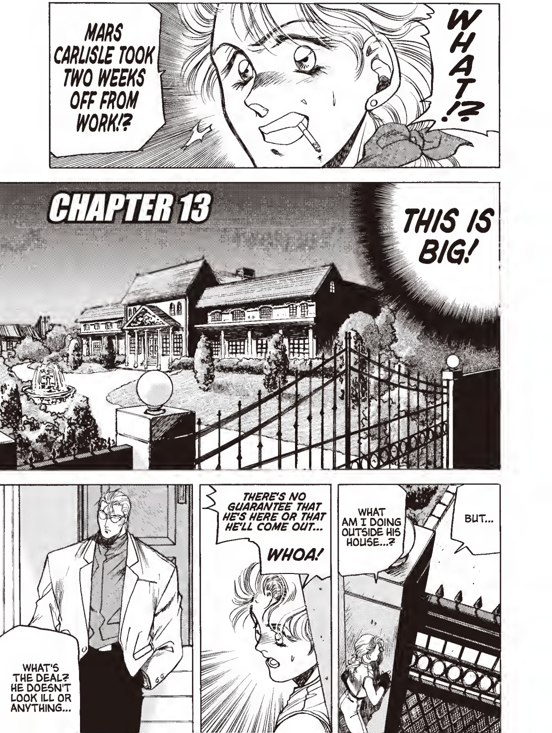
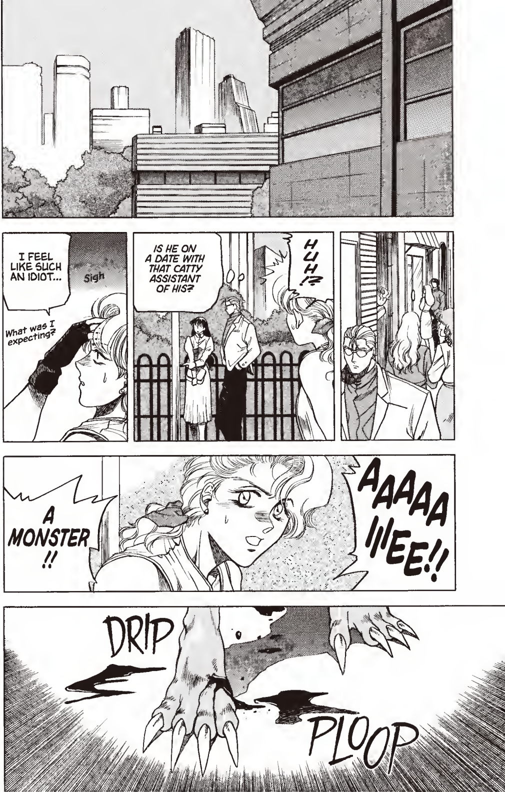
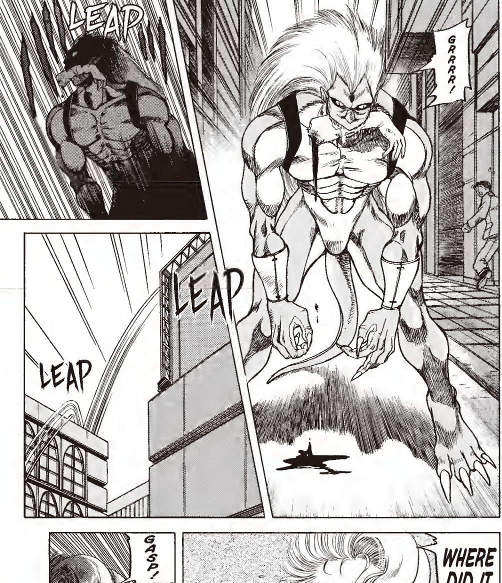
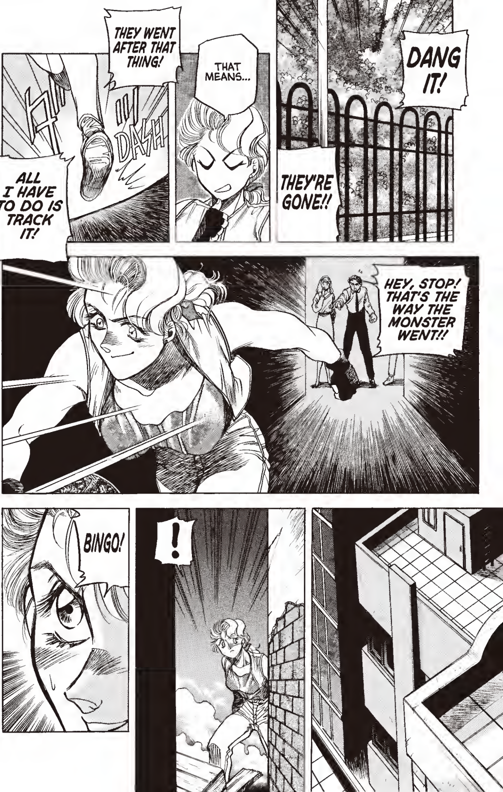
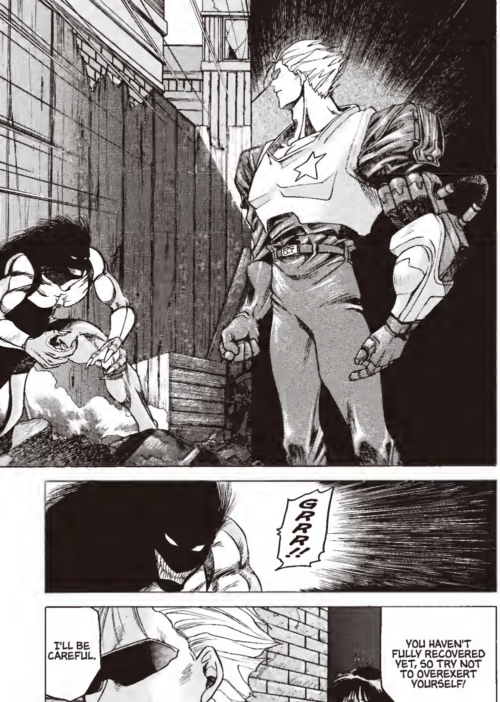
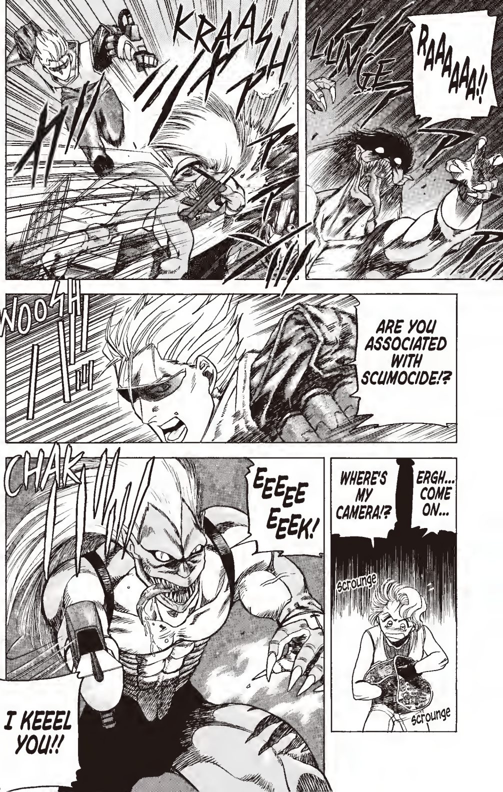

WHAT!?
MARS CARLISLE TOOK TWO WEEKS OFF FROM WORK!?
THIS IS BIG!
WHAT AM I DOING OUTSIDE HIS HOUSE...?
BUT...
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT HE'S HERE OR THAT HE'LL COME OUT...
WHOA!
WHAT'S THE DEAL? HE DOESN'T LOOK ILL OR ANYTHING...

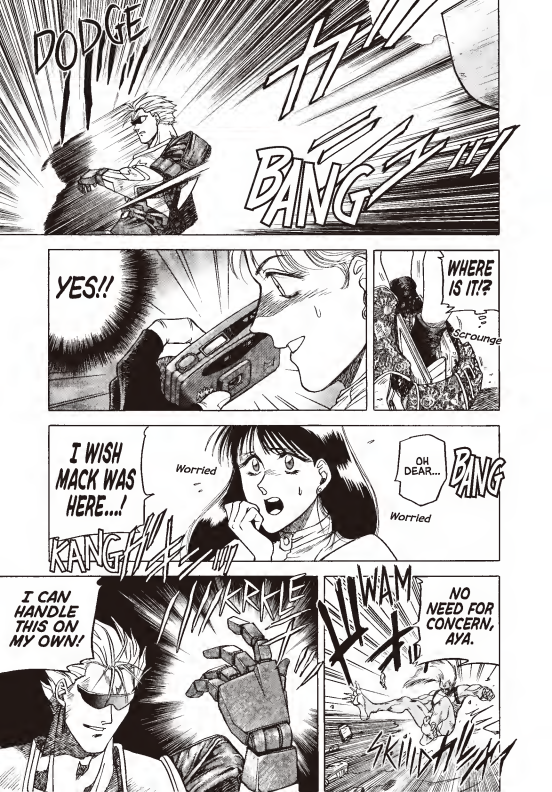

I FEEL LIKE SUCH AN IDIOT...
Sigh
What was I expecting?
IS HE ON A DATE WITH THAT CATTY ASSISTANT OF HIS?
HUH!?
A MONSTER!!
AAAAAIIIEE!!
DRIP
PLOOP

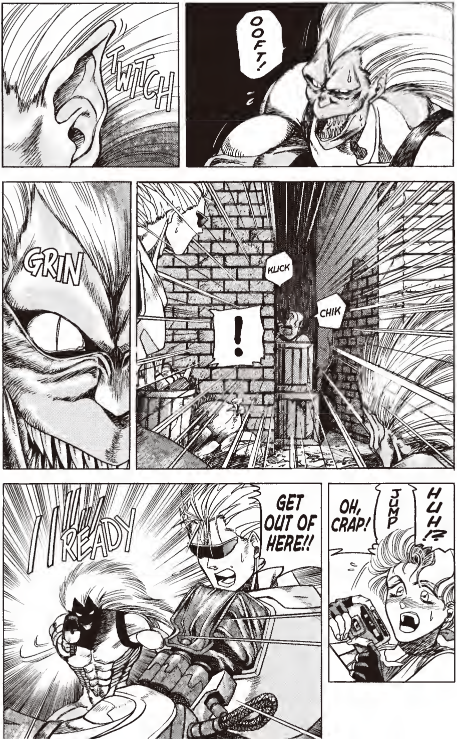

LEAP
LEAP
LEAP
GRRRR!
GASP!
WHERE DID IT GO!?
Murmur
WHAT WAS THAT THING...?
Murmur

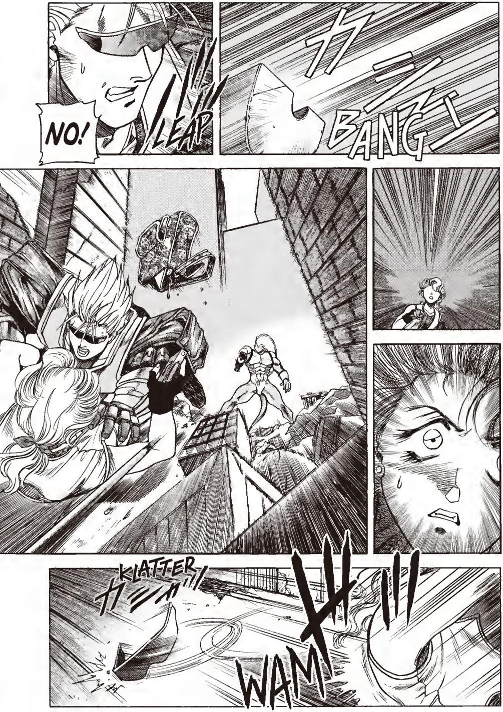

DANG IT!
THEY'RE GONE!!
THAT MEANS...
THEY WENT AFTER THAT THING!
DASH
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS TRACK IT!
HEY, STOP! THAT'S THE WAY THE MONSTER WENT!!
!
BINGO!

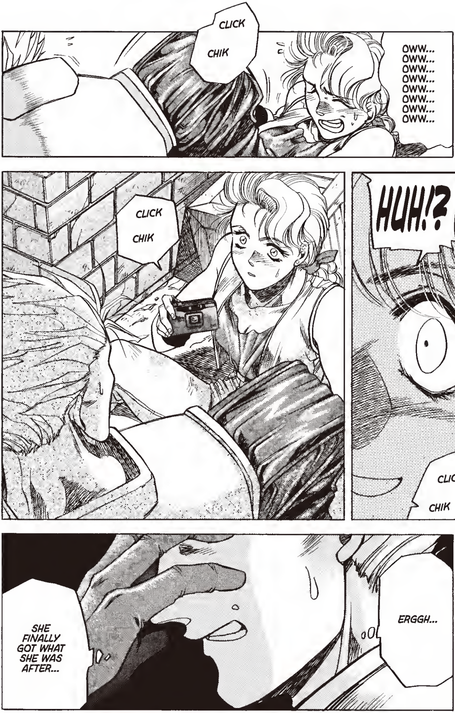

GRRR!!
YOU HAVEN'T FULLY RECOVERED YET, SO TRY NOT TO OVEREXERT YOURSELF!
I'LL BE CAREFUL.

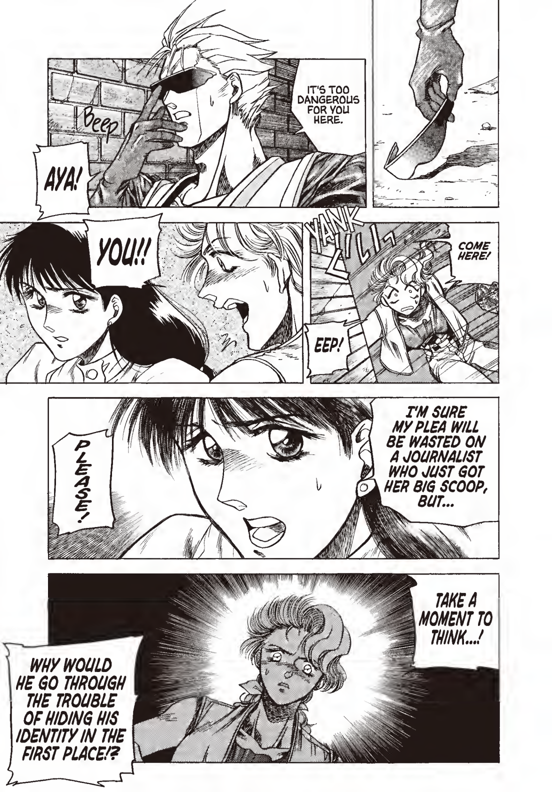

KRAASH
LUNGE
RAAAAAA!!
WOOSH
ARE YOU ASSOCIATED WITH SCUMOCIDE!?
CHAK
EEEEE EEEK!
I KEEEL YOU!!
WHERE'S MY CAMERA!?
ERGH... COME ON...
scrounge
scrounge

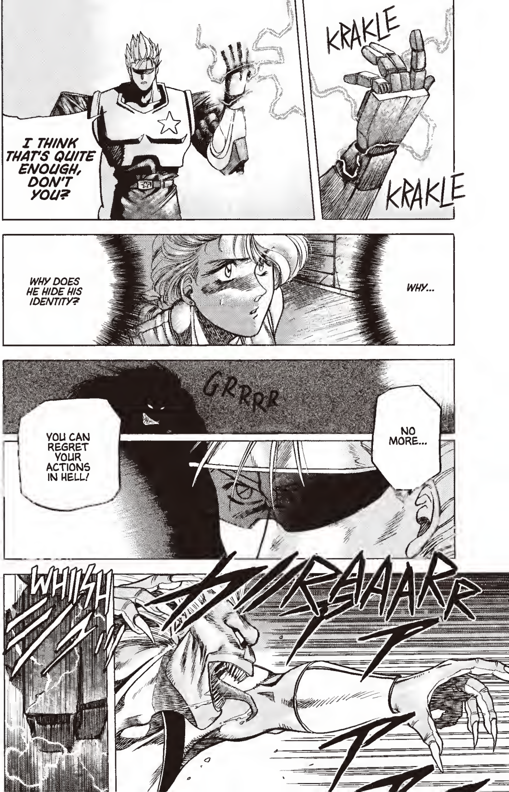

DODGE
BANG
WHERE IS IT!?
Scrounge
YES!!
BANG
OH DEAR...
Worried
Worried
I WISH MACK WAS HERE...!
KANG
WAM
NO NEED FOR CONCERN, AYA.
SKID
KRRKLE
I CAN HANDLE THIS ON MY OWN!

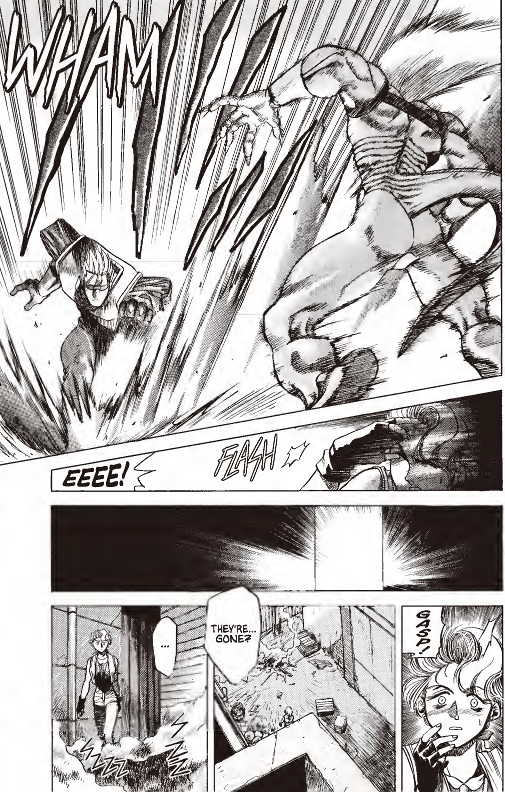

OOFT!
TWITCH
KLICK
!
CHIK
GRIN
HUH!?
JUMP
OH, CRAP!
GET OUT OF HERE!!
READY

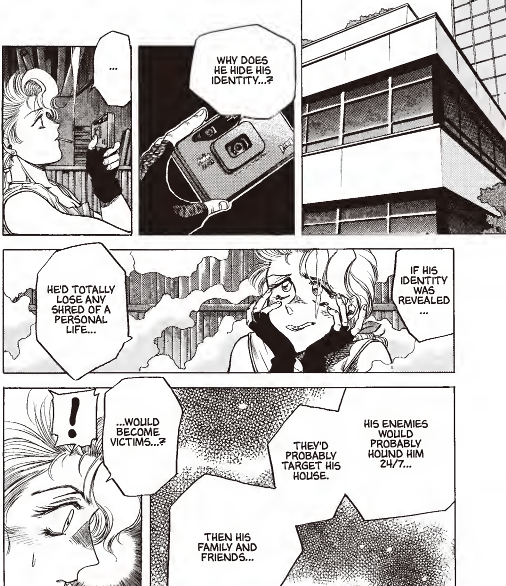

カシーン
BANG
LEAP
NO!
KLATTER
カシャ!!
WAM

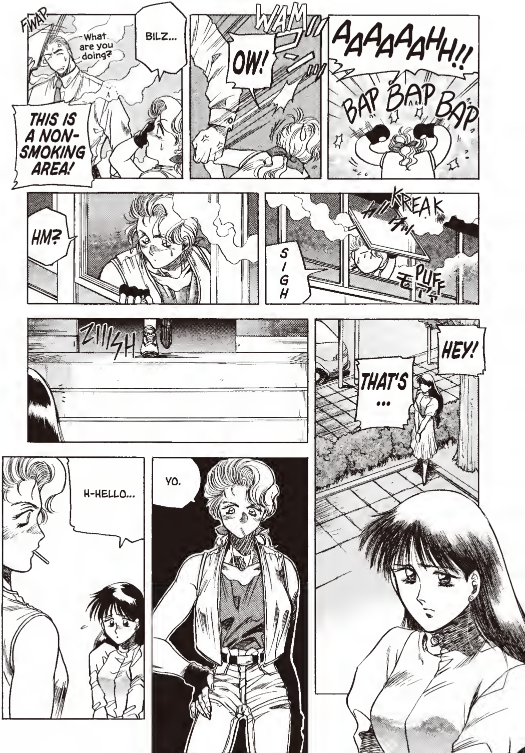

OWW... OWW... OWW... OWW... OWW... OWW... OWW... OWW...
CLICK CHIK
HUH!?
CLICK CHIK
CLICK CHIK
ERGGH...
SHE FINALLY GOT WHAT SHE WAS AFTER...

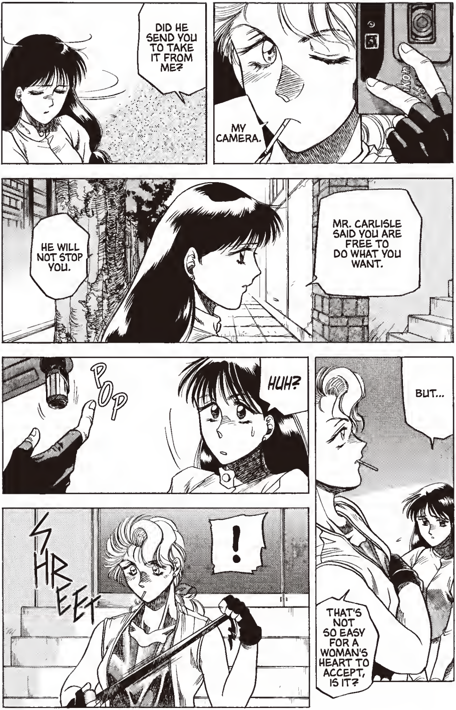

IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU HERE.
Beep
AYA!
YANK
COME HERE!
EEP!
YOU!!
I'M SURE MY PLEA WILL BE WASTED ON A JOURNALIST WHO JUST GOT HER BIG SCOOP, BUT...
PLEASE!
TAKE A MOMENT TO THINK...!
WHY WOULD HE GO THROUGH THE TROUBLE OF HIDING HIS IDENTITY IN THE FIRST PLACE!?

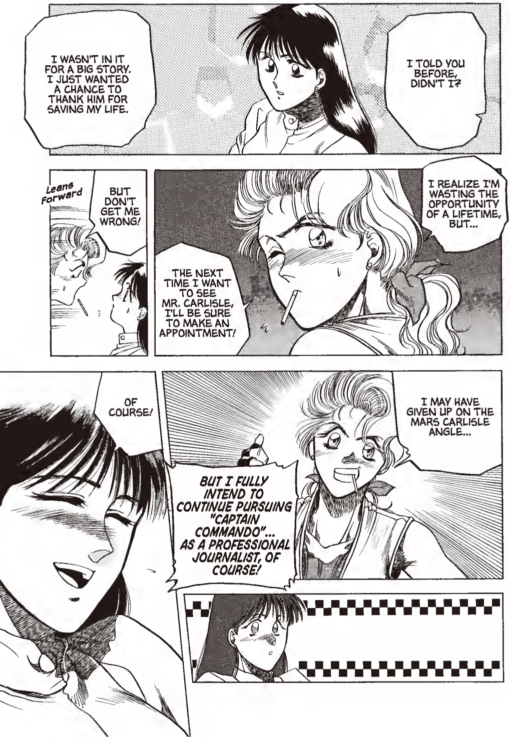

I THINK THAT'S QUITE ENOUGH, DON'T YOU?
KRAKLE
KRAKLE
WHY DOES HE HIDE HIS IDENTITY?
WHY...
GRRRR
YOU CAN REGRET YOUR ACTIONS IN HELL!
NO MORE...
WHIISH
SHRAAARR

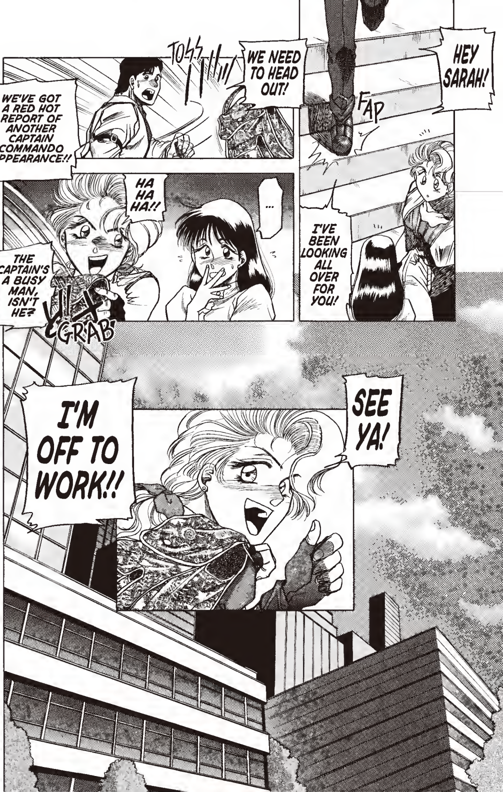

WHAM
EEEE!
FLASH
...
THEY'RE... GONE?
GASP!


WHY DOES HE HIDE HIS IDENTITY...?
...
IF HIS IDENTITY WAS REVEALED ...
HE'D TOTALLY LOSE ANY SHRED OF A PERSONAL LIFE...
HIS ENEMIES WOULD PROBABLY HOUND HIM 24/7...
THEY'D PROBABLY TARGET HIS HOUSE.
THEN HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS...
...WOULD BECOME VICTIMS...?
!
Thinking hard~!

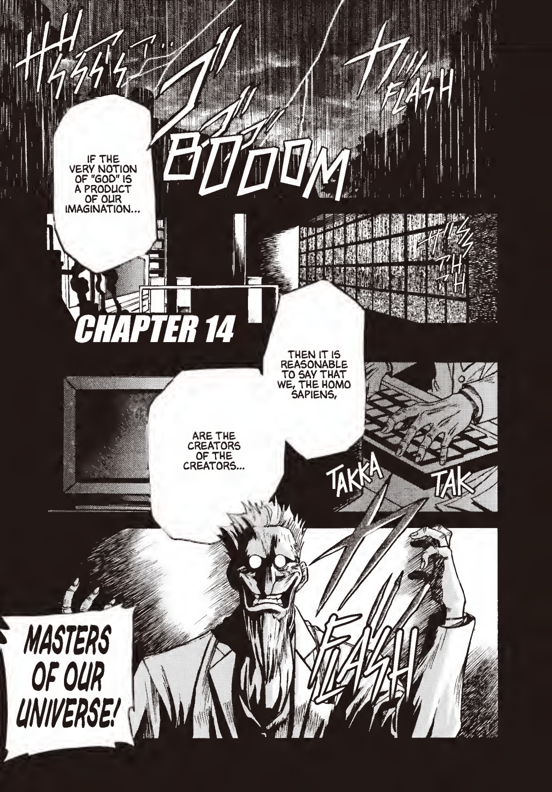

FWAP
What are you doing?
BILZ...
THIS IS A NON-SMOKING AREA!
WAM
OW!
AAAAAAHH!!
BAP BAP BAP
HM?
KREAK
SIGH
PUFF
ZIIISH
HEY!
THAT'S...
H-HELLO...
YO.

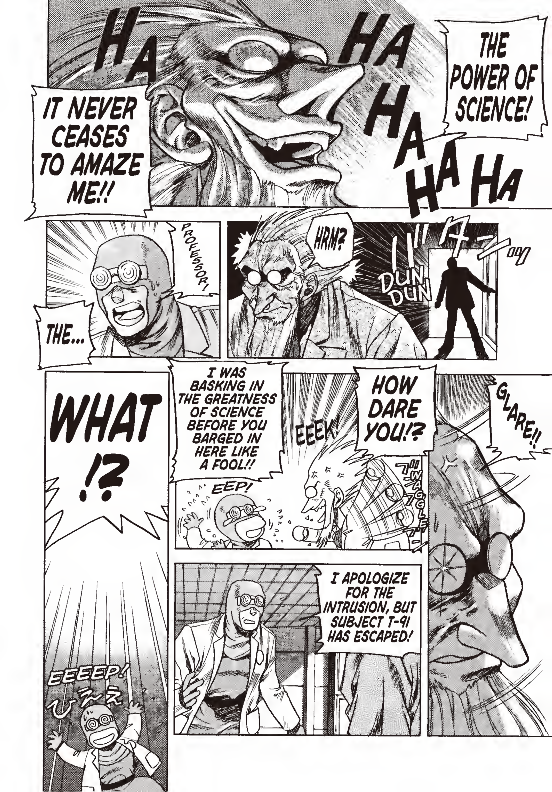

MY CAMERA.
DID HE SEND YOU TO TAKE IT FROM ME?
MR. CARLISLE SAID YOU ARE FREE TO DO WHAT YOU WANT.
HE WILL NOT STOP YOU.
BUT...
THAT'S NOT SO EASY FOR A WOMAN'S HEART TO ACCEPT, IS IT?
HUH?
POP
!
SHREET

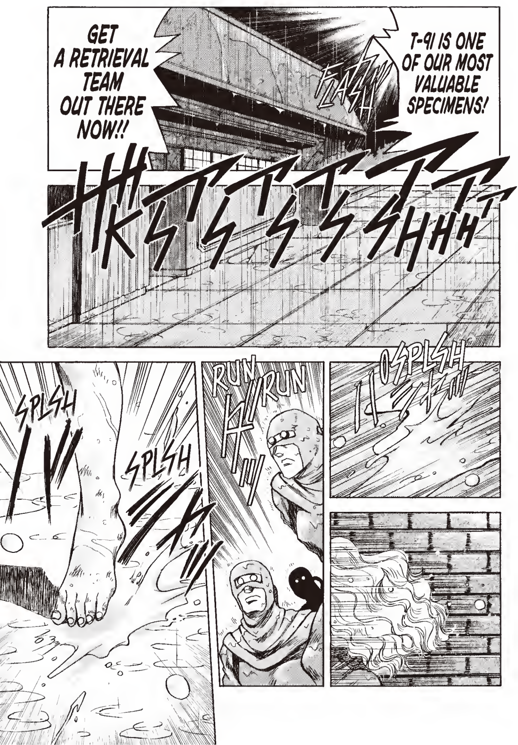

I TOLD YOU BEFORE, DIDN'T I?
I WASN'T IN IT FOR A BIG STORY. I JUST WANTED A CHANCE TO THANK HIM FOR SAVING MY LIFE.
I REALIZE I'M WASTING THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME, BUT...
THE NEXT TIME I WANT TO SEE MR. CARLISLE, I'LL BE SURE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!
Leans Forward
BUT DON'T GET ME WRONG!
I MAY HAVE GIVEN UP ON THE MARS CARLISLE ANGLE...
BUT I FULLY INTEND TO CONTINUE PURSUING "CAPTAIN COMMANDO"... AS A PROFESSIONAL JOURNALIST, OF COURSE!
OF COURSE!

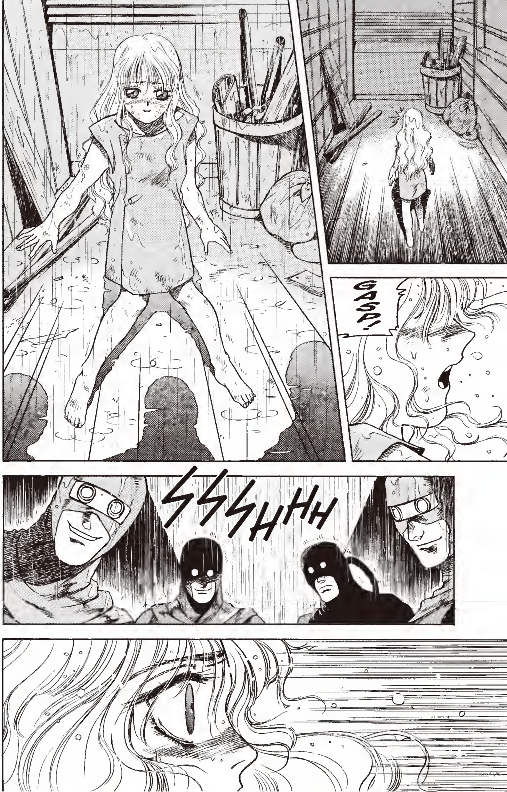

HEY SARAH!
FAP
I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU!
TOSS
WE NEED TO HEAD OUT!
WE'VE GOT A RED HOT REPORT OF ANOTHER CAPTAIN COMMANDO APPEARANCE!!
...
HA HA HA!!
THE CAPTAIN'S A BUSY MAN, ISN'T HE?
GRAB
SEE YA!
I'M OFF TO WORK!!

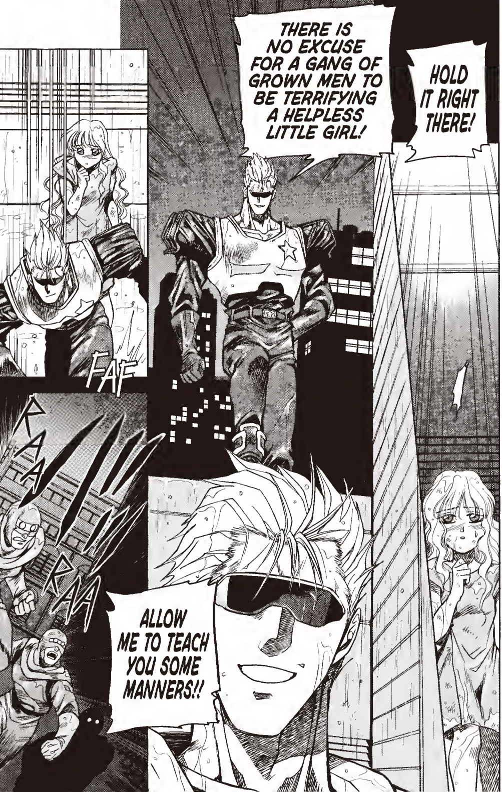
CHAPTER 14

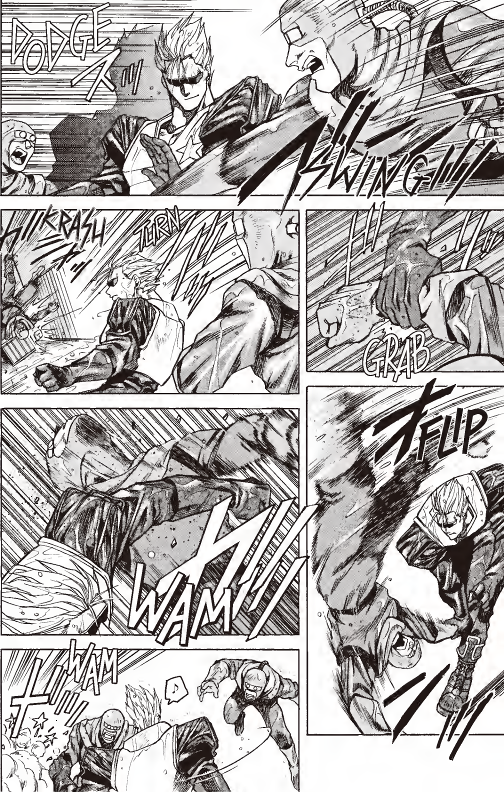

FLASH
BOOOM
IF THE VERY NOTION OF "GOD" IS A PRODUCT OF OUR IMAGINATION...
ZHH
THEN IT IS REASONABLE TO SAY THAT WE, THE HOMO SAPIENS,
ARE THE CREATORS OF THE CREATORS...
TAKKA
TAK
FLASH
MASTERS OF OUR UNIVERSE!


THE POWER OF SCIENCE!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
IT NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME!!
HRM?
DUN DUN
PROFESSOR!
THE...
GLARE!!
HOW DARE YOU!?
I WAS BASKING IN THE GREATNESS OF SCIENCE BEFORE YOU BARGED IN HERE LIKE A FOOL!!
EEEK!
WAGGLE
EEP!
WHAT!?
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE INTRUSION, BUT SUBJECT T-91 HAS ESCAPED!
EEEEP! ひ〜え


T-91 IS ONE OF OUR MOST VALUABLE SPECIMENS!
GET A RETRIEVAL TEAM OUT THERE NOW!!
FLASH
HKSSSSSHHH
SPLSH
RUN RUN
SPLSH
SPLSH


GASP!
SSSHHH


HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR A GANG OF GROWN MEN TO BE TERRIFYING A HELPLESS LITTLE GIRL!
FAF
RAA!!!
RAA
ALLOW ME TO TEACH YOU SOME MANNERS!!


DODGE
ス ッ
SWING
ブ ン
KRASH
ガ シャ
TURN
グ ル ン
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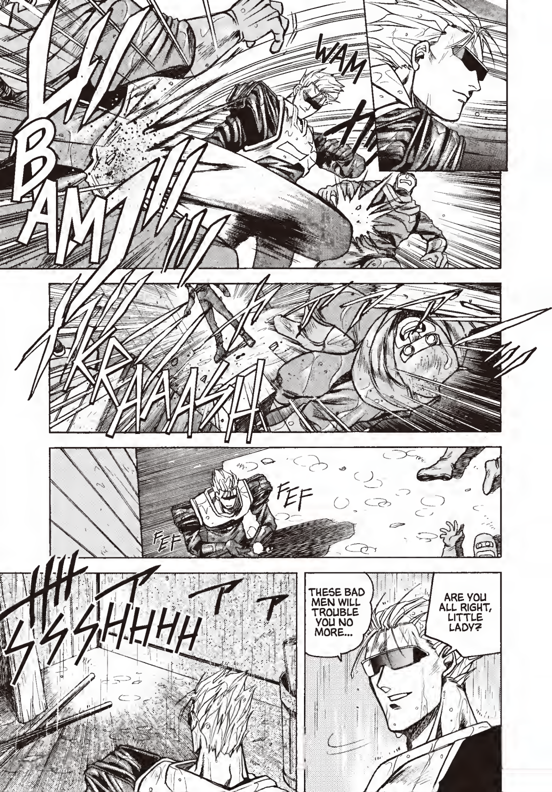
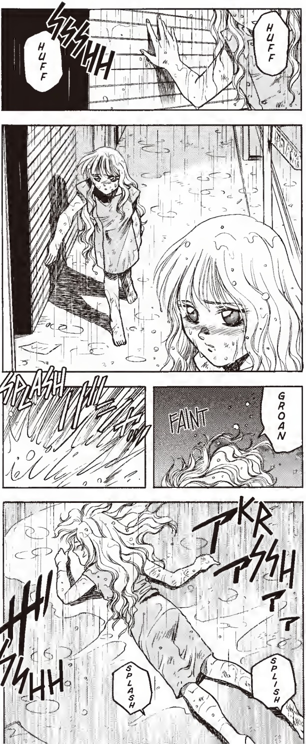
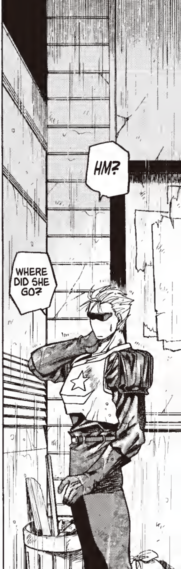
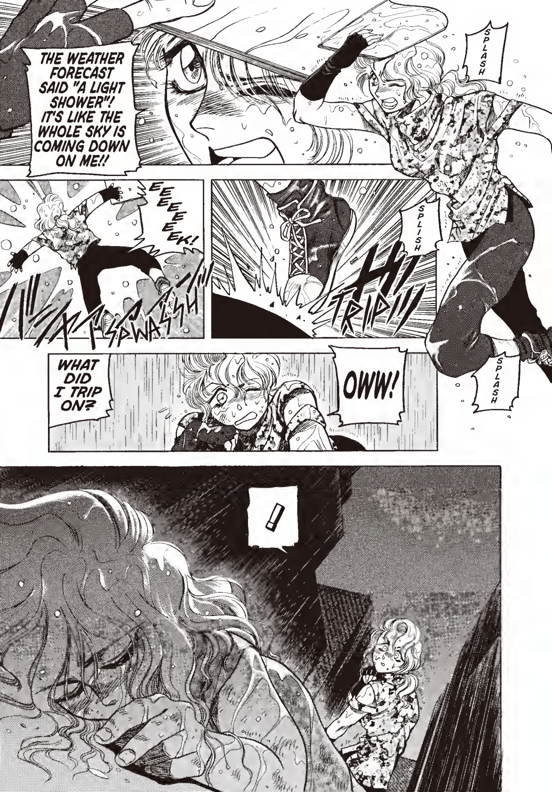
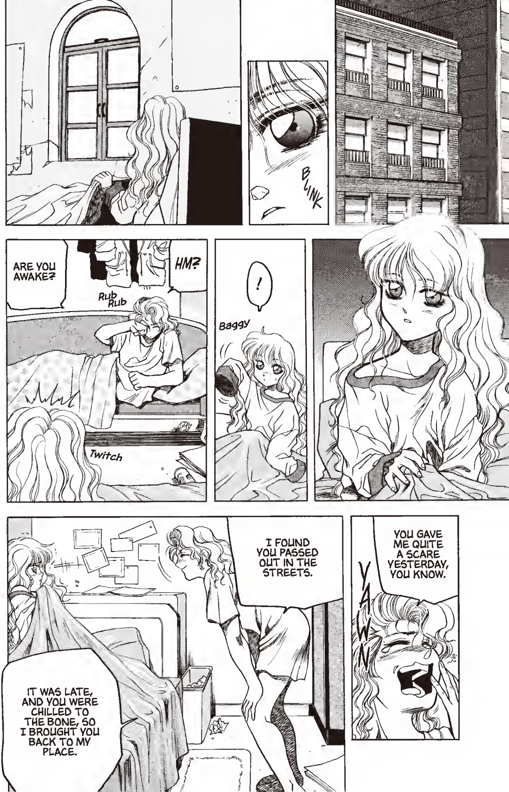
GRAB
FLIP
ブ ン
WAM
ズ ド
WAM
ド
♪

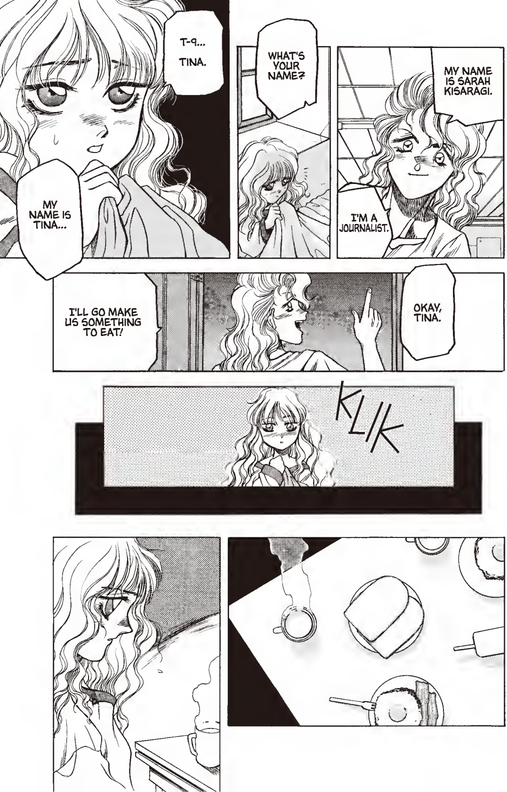

WAM
BAM
KRAAASH
FEF
FEF
SSSHHHH
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, LITTLE LADY?
THESE BAD MEN WILL TROUBLE YOU NO MORE...

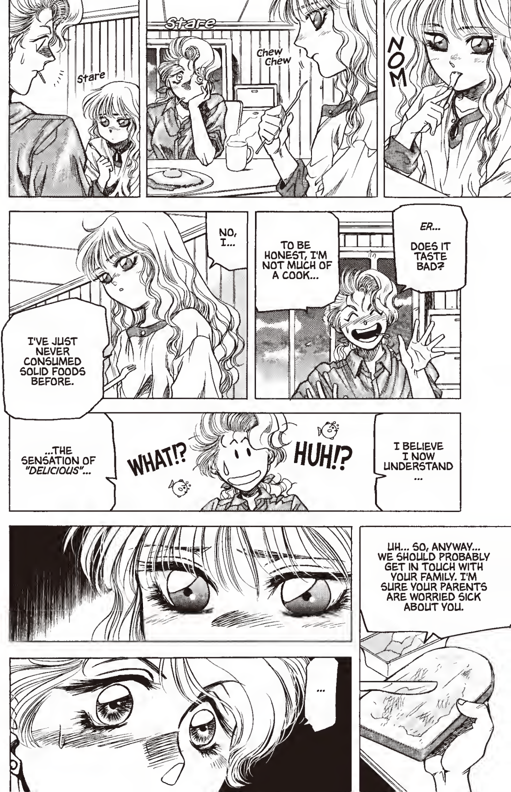

HUFF HUFF
SSSHH
HUFF HUFF
SPLASH
FAINT
GROAN
KRSSH
HHSSHH
SPLISH
SPLASH

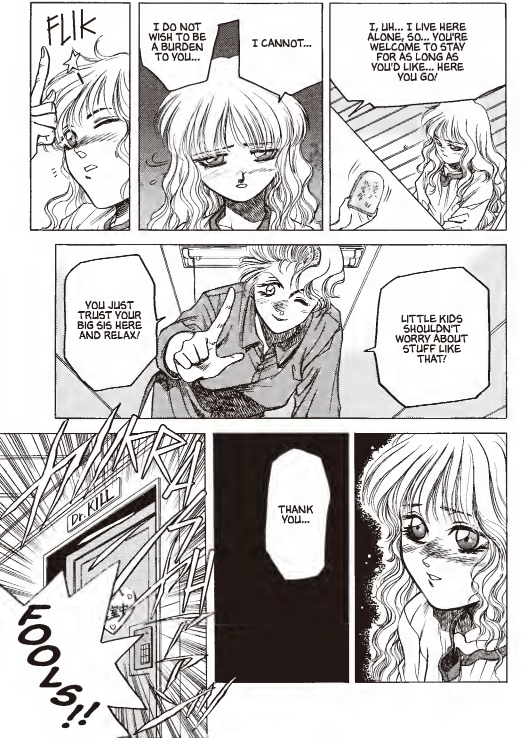

HM?
WHERE DID SHE GO?

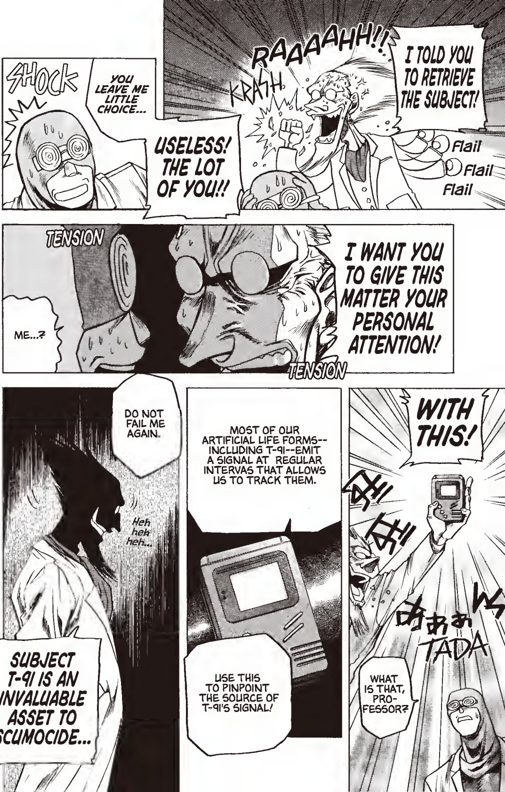

SPLASH
THE WEATHER FORECAST SAID "A LIGHT SHOWER"! IT'S LIKE THE WHOLE SKY IS COMING DOWN ON ME!!
SPLASH
SPLASH
TRIP!!!
EEEEEEEK!
SPWASSH
OWW!
WHAT DID I TRIP ON?
!

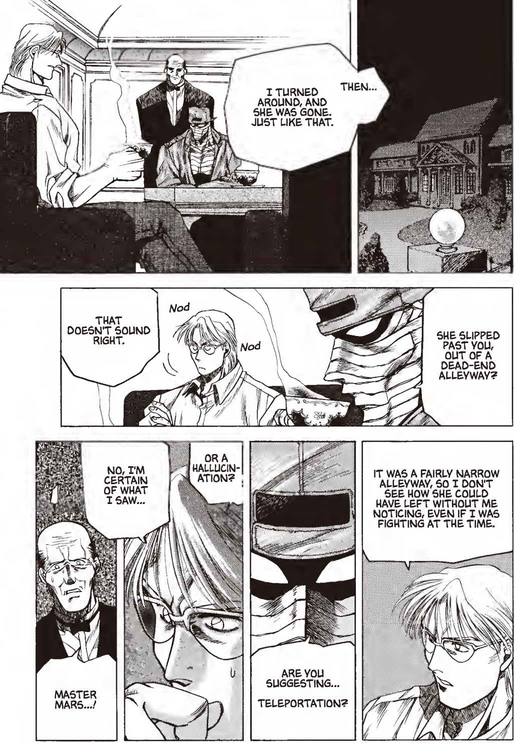

BLINK
HM?
ARE YOU AWAKE?
Rub Rub
Twitch
!
Baggy
YOU GAVE ME QUITE A SCARE YESTERDAY, YOU KNOW.
YAWN
I FOUND YOU PASSED OUT IN THE STREETS.
IT WAS LATE, AND YOU WERE CHILLED TO THE BONE, SO I BROUGHT YOU BACK TO MY PLACE.

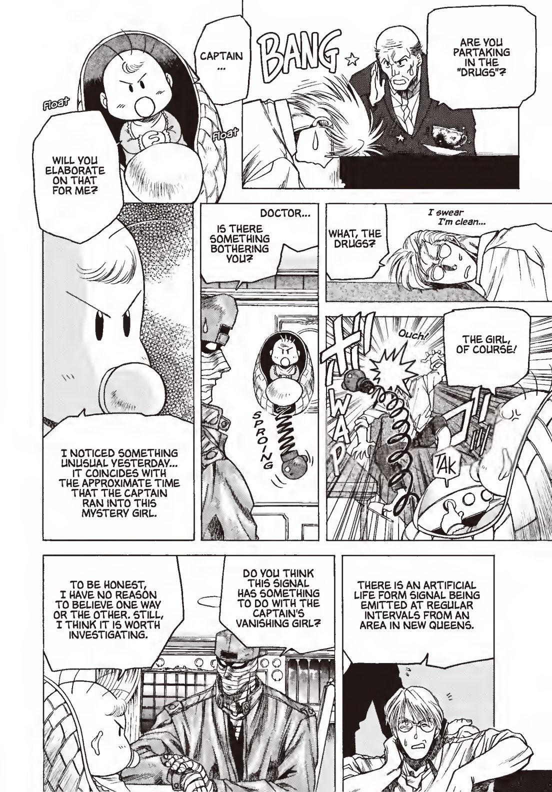

MY NAME IS SARAH KISARAGI.
I'M A JOURNALIST.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
T-9... TINA.
MY NAME IS TINA...
OKAY, TINA.
I'LL GO MAKE US SOMETHING TO EAT!
KLIK

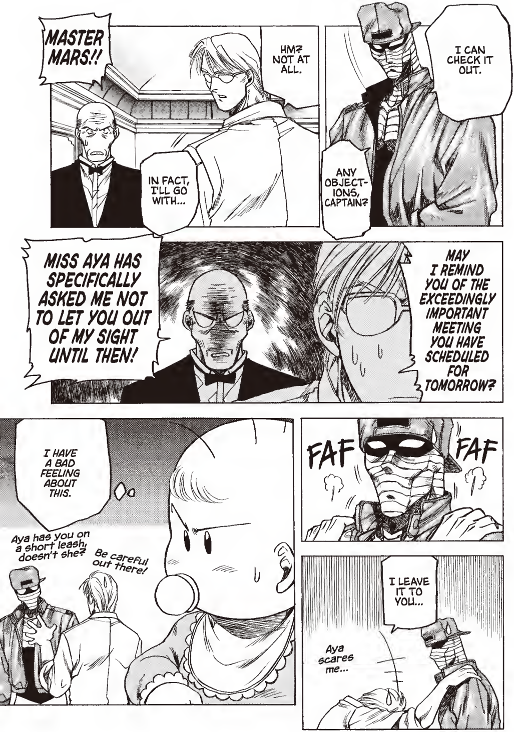

NOM
Stare
Chew Chew
Stare
ER... DOES IT TASTE BAD?
TO BE HONEST, I'M NOT MUCH OF A COOK...
NO, I...
I'VE JUST NEVER CONSUMED SOLID FOODS BEFORE.
I BELIEVE I NOW UNDERSTAND...
HUH!?
WHAT!?
...THE SENSATION OF "DELICIOUS"...
UH... SO, ANYWAY... WE SHOULD PROBABLY GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FAMILY. I'M SURE YOUR PARENTS ARE WORRIED SICK ABOUT YOU.
...

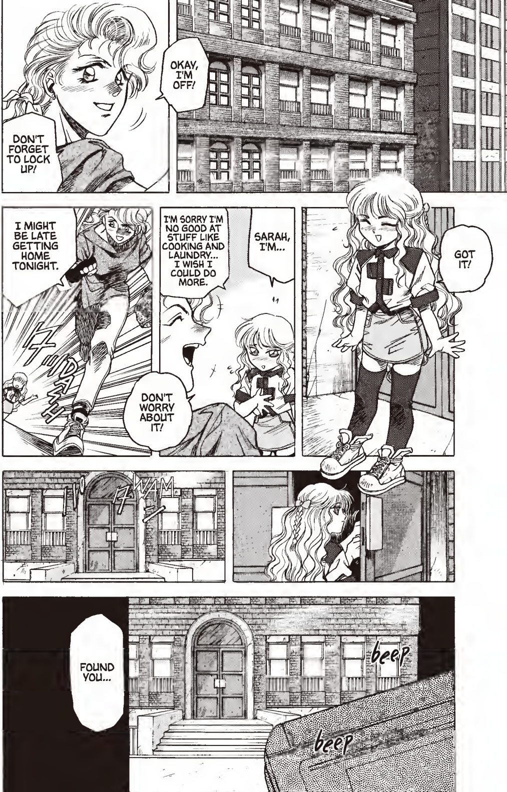

I, UH... I LIVE HERE ALONE, SO... YOU'RE WELCOME TO STAY FOR AS LONG AS YOU'D LIKE... HERE YOU GO!
I DO NOT WISH TO BE A BURDEN TO YOU...
I CANNOT...
FLIK
LITTLE KIDS SHOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT!
YOU JUST TRUST YOUR BIG SIS HERE AND RELAX!
THANK YOU...
Dr. KILL
FOOLS!!

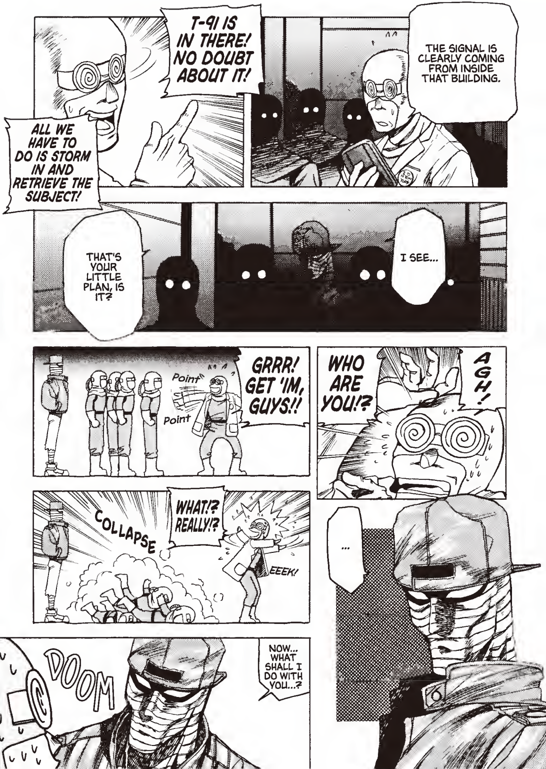

RAAAAHH!!
I TOLD YOU TO RETRIEVE THE SUBJECT!
KRASH
Flail
Flail
Flail
USELESS! THE LOT OF YOU!!
YOU LEAVE ME LITTLE CHOICE...
SHOCK
I WANT YOU TO GIVE THIS MATTER YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION!
TENSION
TENSION
ME...?
WITH THIS!
TADA
WHAT IS THAT, PROFESSOR?
MOST OF OUR ARTIFICIAL LIFE FORMS--INCLUDING T-91--EMIT A SIGNAL AT REGULAR INTERVAS THAT ALLOWS US TO TRACK THEM.
USE THIS TO PINPOINT THE SOURCE OF T-91'S SIGNAL!
DO NOT FAIL ME AGAIN.
Heh heh heh...
SUBJECT T-91 IS AN INVALUABLE ASSET TO SCUMOCIDE...

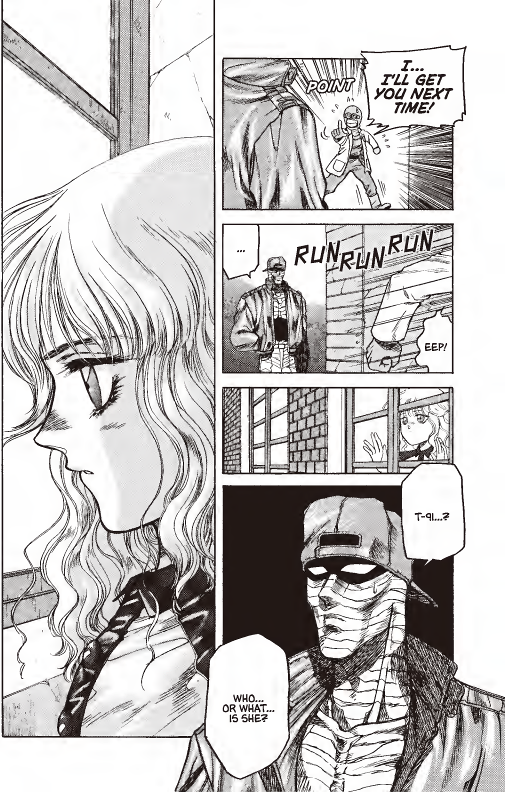

THEN...
I TURNED AROUND, AND SHE WAS GONE. JUST LIKE THAT.
SHE SLIPPED PAST YOU, OUT OF A DEAD-END ALLEYWAY?
Nod
Nod
THAT DOESN'T SOUND RIGHT.
IT WAS A FAIRLY NARROW ALLEYWAY, SO I DON'T SEE HOW SHE COULD HAVE LEFT WITHOUT ME NOTICING, EVEN IF I WAS FIGHTING AT THE TIME.
ARE YOU SUGGESTING...
TELEPORTATION?
OR A HALLUCINATION?
NO, I'M CERTAIN OF WHAT I SAW...
MASTER MARS...!

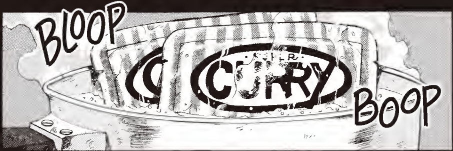

ARE YOU PARTAKING IN THE "DRUGS"?
BANG ☆
Float
Float
CAPTAIN ...
WILL YOU ELABORATE ON THAT FOR ME?
DOCTOR... IS THERE SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU?
WHAT, THE DRUGS?
I swear I'm clean...
SPROING
Ouch!
WAP
TAK
THE GIRL, OF COURSE!
I NOTICED SOMETHING UNUSUAL YESTERDAY... IT COINCIDES WITH THE APPROXIMATE TIME THAT THE CAPTAIN RAN INTO THIS MYSTERY GIRL.
THERE IS AN ARTIFICIAL LIFE FORM SIGNAL BEING EMITTED AT REGULAR INTERVALS FROM AN AREA IN NEW QUEENS.
DO YOU THINK THIS SIGNAL HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE CAPTAIN'S VANISHING GIRL?
TO BE HONEST, I HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. STILL, I THINK IT IS WORTH INVESTIGATING.


I CAN CHECK IT OUT.
ANY OBJECTIONS, CAPTAIN?
HM? NOT AT ALL.
IN FACT, I'LL GO WITH...
MASTER MARS!!
MAY I REMIND YOU OF THE EXCEEDINGLY IMPORTANT MEETING YOU HAVE SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW?
MISS AYA HAS SPECIFICALLY ASKED ME NOT TO LET YOU OUT OF MY SIGHT UNTIL THEN!
FAF
FAF
I LEAVE IT TO YOU...
Aya scares me...
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
Be careful out there!
Aya has you on a short leash, doesn't she?


OKAY, I'M OFF!
DON'T FORGET TO LOCK UP!
I MIGHT BE LATE GETTING HOME TONIGHT.
DASH
SARAH, I'M...
I'M SORRY I'M NO GOOD AT STUFF LIKE COOKING AND LAUNDRY... I WISH I COULD DO MORE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
GOT IT!
WAM
FOUND YOU...
beep
beep


THE SIGNAL IS CLEARLY COMING FROM INSIDE THAT BUILDING.
T-91 IS IN THERE! NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS STORM IN AND RETRIEVE THE SUBJECT!
I SEE...
THAT'S YOUR LITTLE PLAN, IS IT?
AGH!
WHO ARE YOU!?
GRRR! GET 'IM, GUYS!!
Point
Point
...
WHAT!? REALLY!?
COLLAPSE
EEEK!
NOW... WHAT SHALL I DO WITH YOU...?
DOOM


I... I'LL GET YOU NEXT TIME!
POINT
...
RUN RUN RUN
EEP!
T-91...?
WHO... OR WHAT... IS SHE?


BOOP
CURRY
BLOOP

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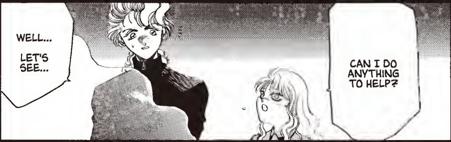
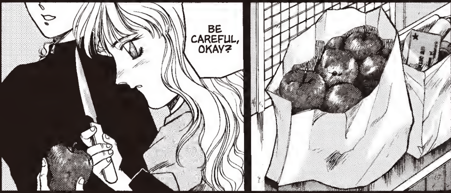
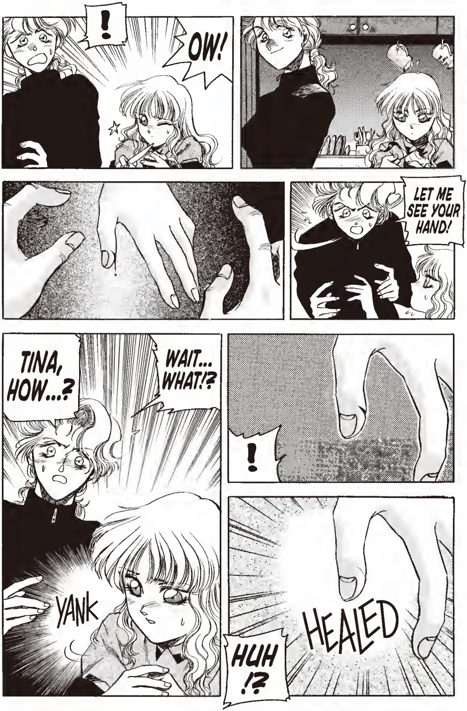
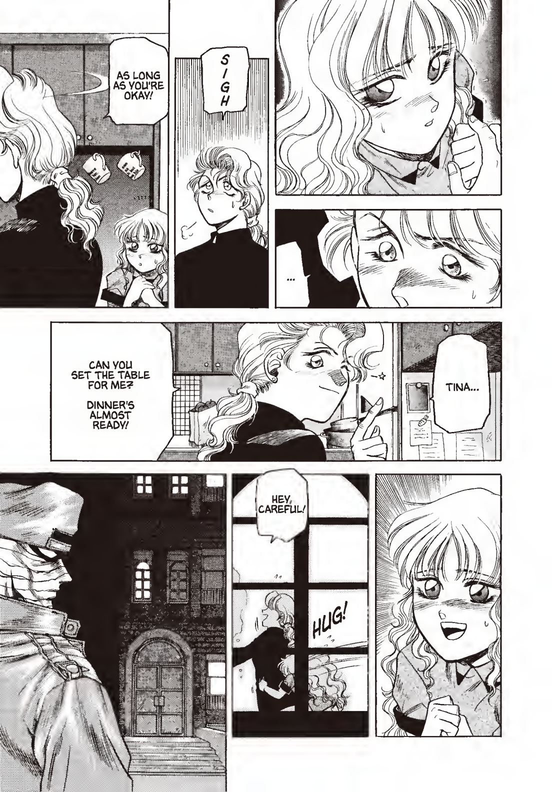
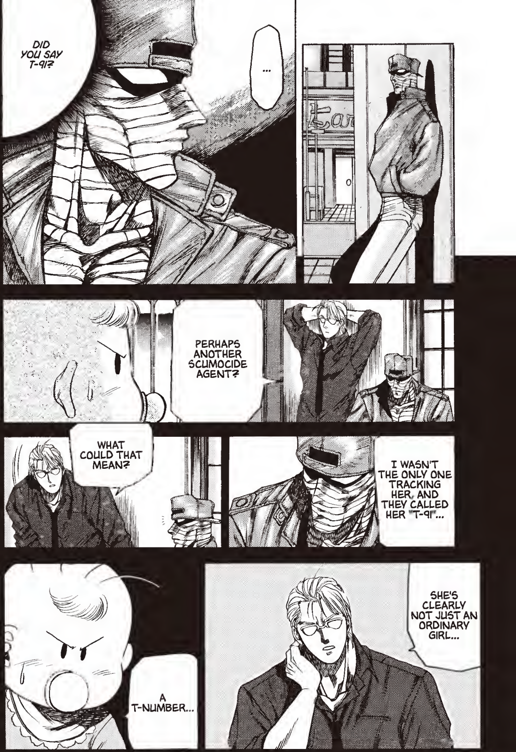
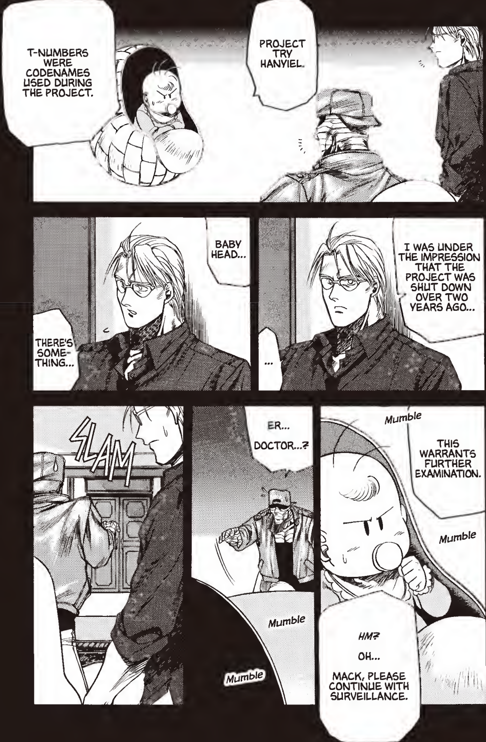

CAN I DO ANYTHING TO HELP?
WELL... LET'S SEE...

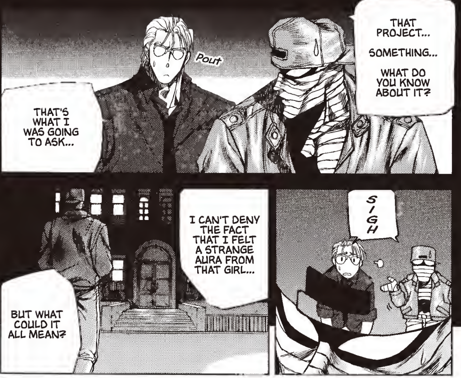

BE CAREFUL, OKAY?

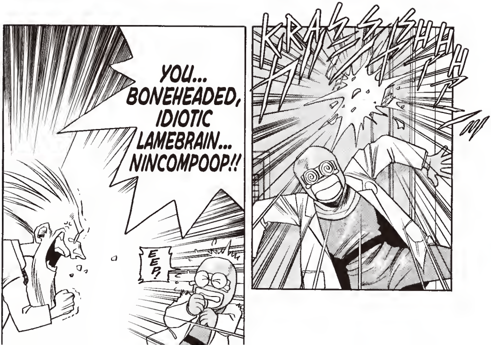

!
OW!
LET ME SEE YOUR HAND!
WAIT... WHAT!?
TINA, HOW...?
YANK
!
HEALED
HUH !?

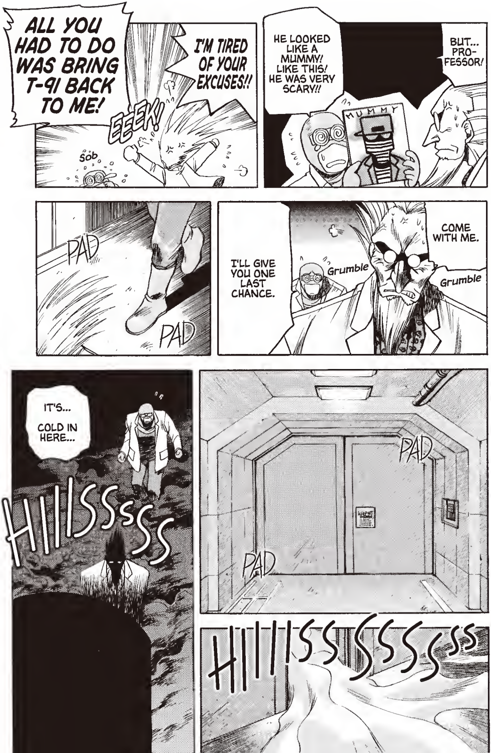

...
SIGH
AS LONG AS YOU'RE OKAY!
TINA...
CAN YOU SET THE TABLE FOR ME?
DINNER'S ALMOST READY!
HEY, CAREFUL!
HUG!

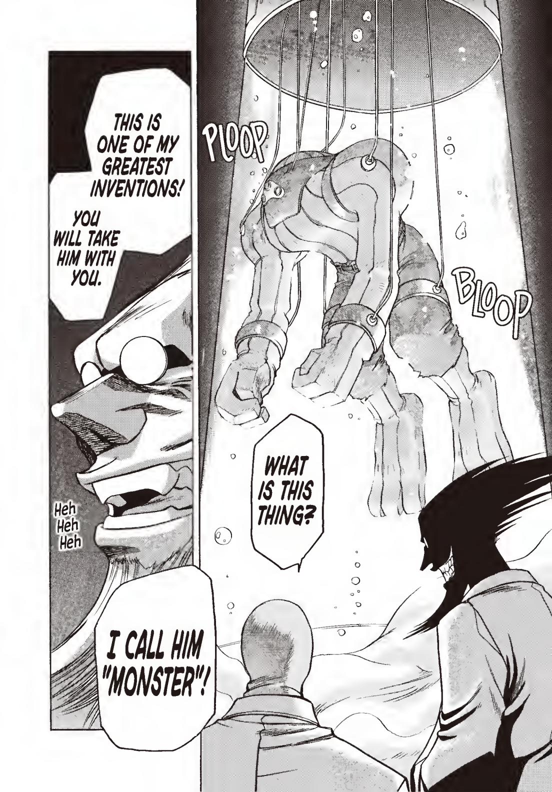

...
DID YOU SAY T-91?
PERHAPS ANOTHER SCUMOCIDE AGENT?
I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE TRACKING HER, AND THEY CALLED HER "T-91"...
WHAT COULD THAT MEAN?
SHE'S CLEARLY NOT JUST AN ORDINARY GIRL...
A T-NUMBER...

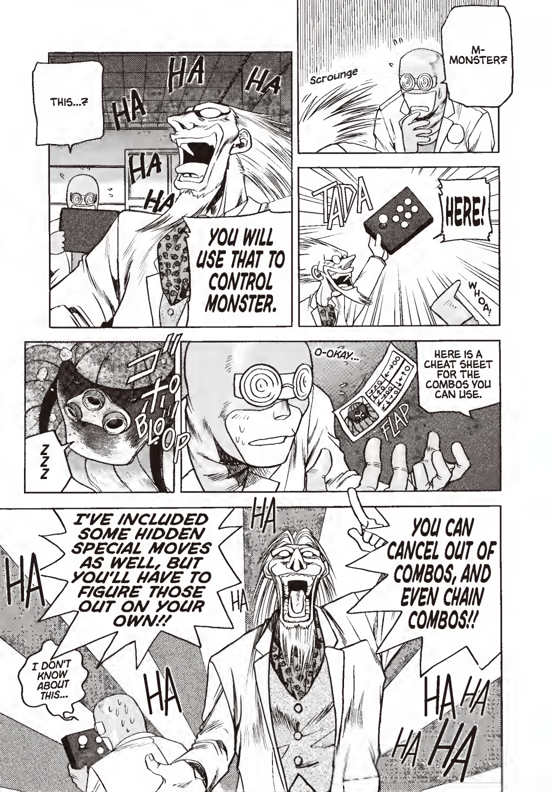

PROJECT TRY HANYIEL.
T-NUMBERS WERE CODENAMES USED DURING THE PROJECT.
I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE PROJECT WAS SHUT DOWN OVER TWO YEARS AGO...
...
BABY HEAD...
THERE'S SOMETHING...
Mumble
THIS WARRANTS FURTHER EXAMINATION.
Mumble
HM?
OH...
MACK, PLEASE CONTINUE WITH SURVEILLANCE.
ER...
DOCTOR...?
Mumble
Mumble
SLAM

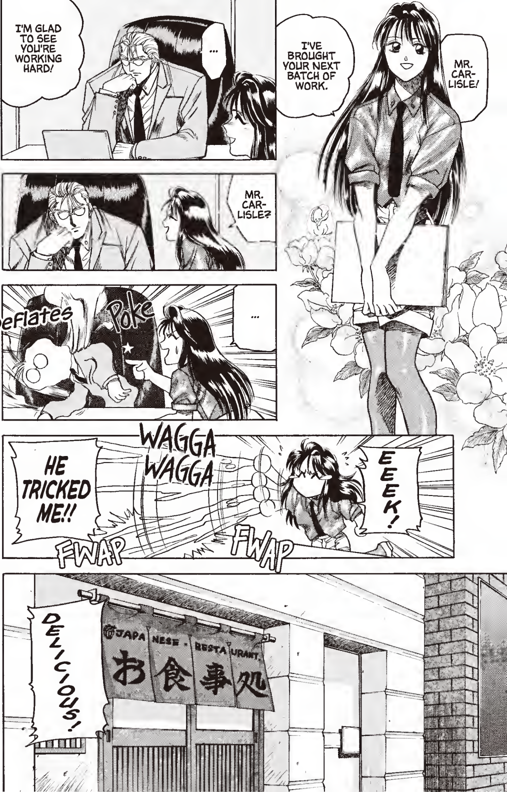

THAT PROJECT... SOMETHING... WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?
Pout
THAT'S WHAT I WAS GOING TO ASK...
SIGH
I CAN'T DENY THE FACT THAT I FELT A STRANGE AURA FROM THAT GIRL...
BUT WHAT COULD IT ALL MEAN?

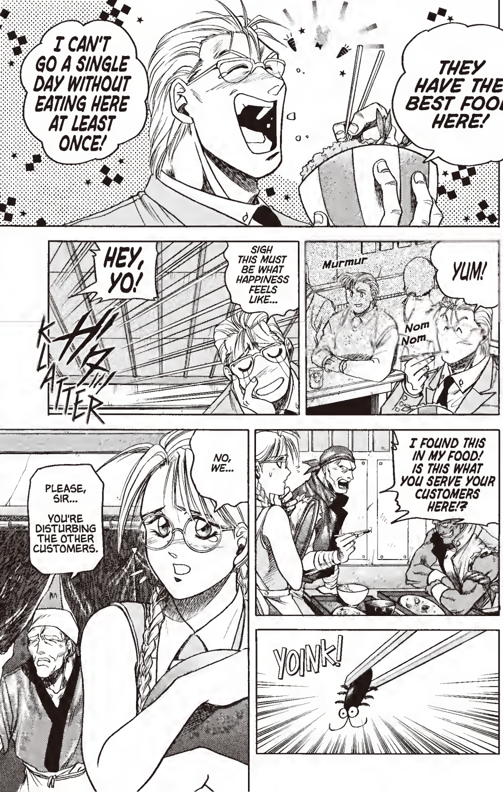

KRASSHHH
YOU... BONEHEADED, IDIOTIC LAMEBRAIN... NINCOMPOOP!!
EEP!

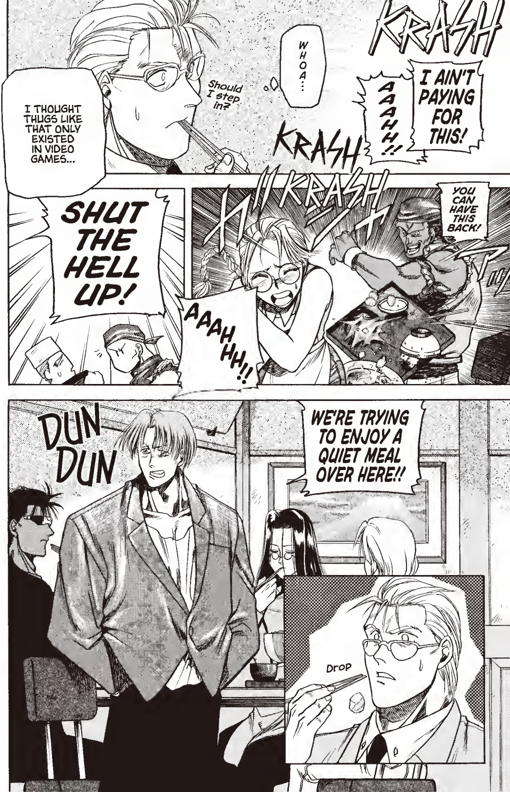

BUT... PROFESSOR!
HE LOOKED LIKE A MUMMY! LIKE THIS! HE WAS VERY SCARY!!
MUMMY
ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS BRING T-91 BACK TO ME!
I'M TIRED OF YOUR EXCUSES!!
EEEK!
Sob
COME WITH ME.
Grumble
Grumble
I'LL GIVE YOU ONE LAST CHANCE.
PAD
PAD
PAD
PAD
HIIISSSSSSS
IT'S... COLD IN HERE...
HIIISSSSS

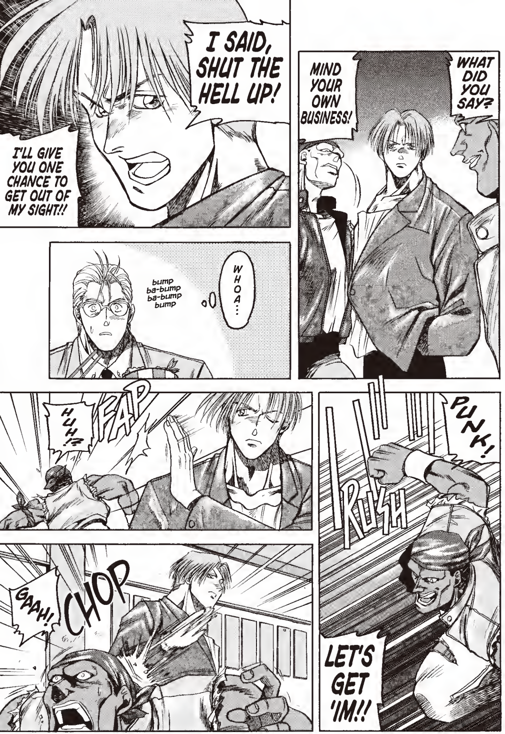

THIS IS ONE OF MY GREATEST INVENTIONS!
YOU WILL TAKE HIM WITH YOU.
PLOOP
BLOOP
WHAT IS THIS THING?
Heh Heh Heh
I CALL HIM "MONSTER"!

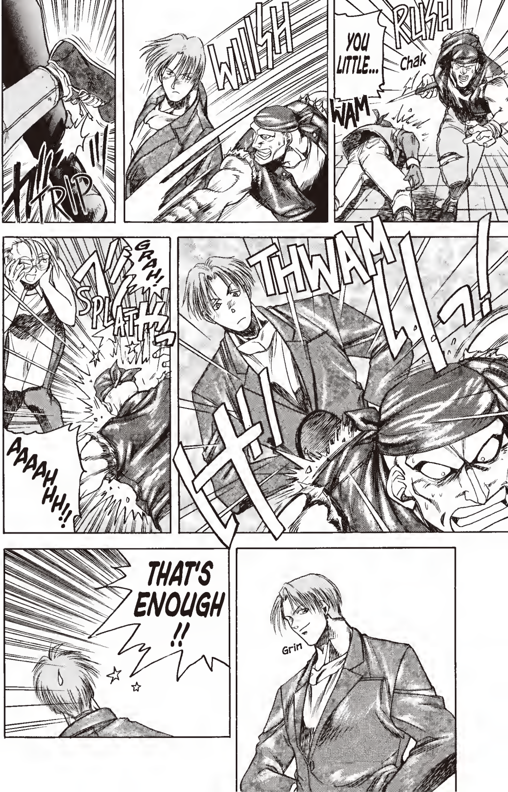

Scrounge
M-MONSTER?
TADA
HERE!
WHOA!
HA HA HA HA HA
THIS...?
YOU WILL USE THAT TO CONTROL MONSTER.
HERE IS A CHEAT SHEET FOR THE COMBOS YOU CAN USE.
FLAP
O-OKAY...
ゴボォ
BLOOP
ZZZ
YOU CAN CANCEL OUT OF COMBOS, AND EVEN CHAIN COMBOS!!
HA
I'VE INCLUDED SOME HIDDEN SPECIAL MOVES AS WELL, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO FIGURE THOSE OUT ON YOUR OWN!!
HA
HA
HA
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS...
HA HA HA HA

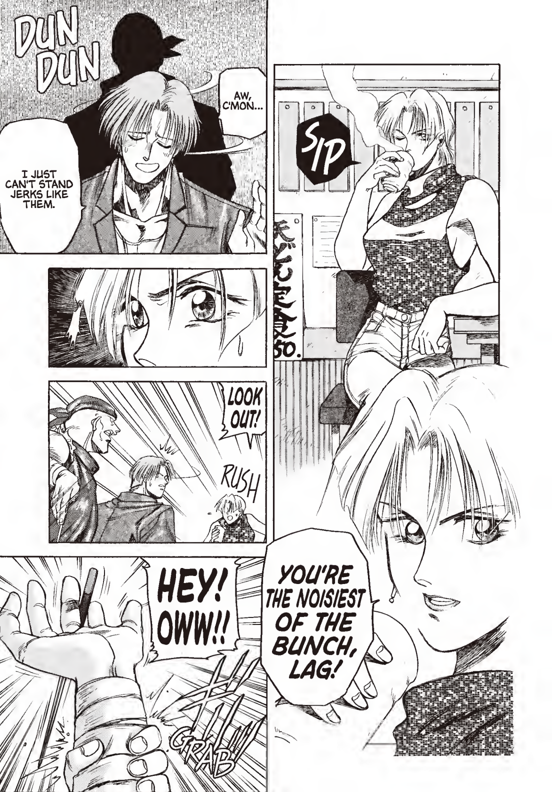

MR. CARLISLE!
I'VE BROUGHT YOUR NEXT BATCH OF WORK.
...
I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE WORKING HARD!
MR. CARLISLE?
...
Poke
DeFlates
EEEK!
HE TRICKED ME!!
WAGGA WAGGA
FWAP
FWAP
JAPANESE · RESTAURANT
お食事処
DELICIOUS!

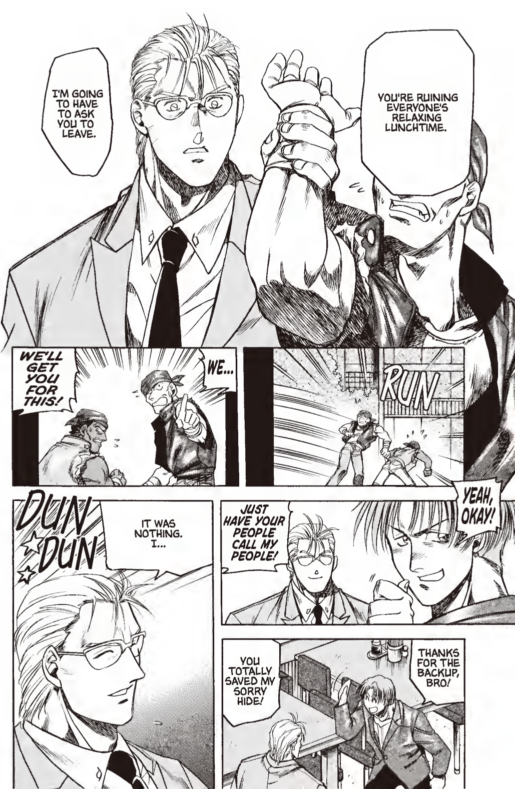

THEY HAVE THE BEST FOOD HERE!
I CAN'T GO A SINGLE DAY WITHOUT EATING HERE AT LEAST ONCE!
Murmur
YUM!
Nom Nom
SIGH THIS MUST BE WHAT HAPPINESS FEELS LIKE...
HEY, YO!
KLATTER
I FOUND THIS IN MY FOOD! IS THIS WHAT YOU SERVE YOUR CUSTOMERS HERE!?
YOINK!
NO, WE...
PLEASE, SIR...
YOU'RE DISTURBING THE OTHER CUSTOMERS.

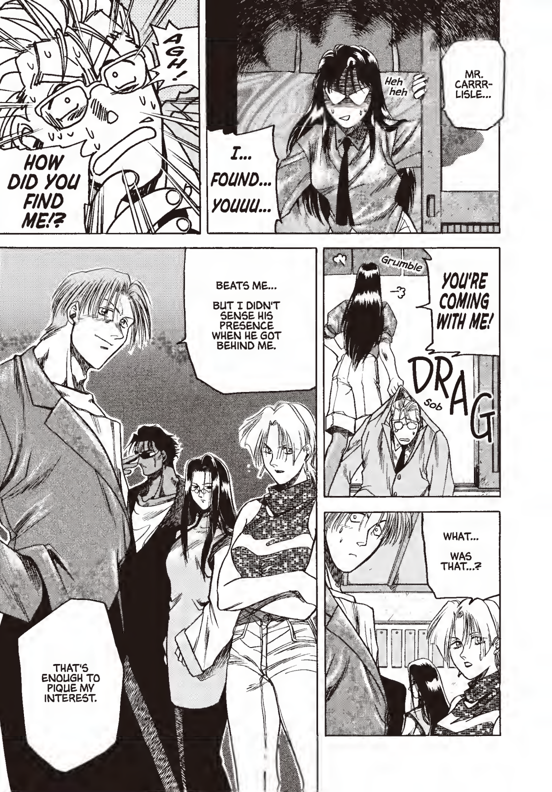

KRASH
I AIN'T PAYING FOR THIS!
AAAAHH!!
WHOA...
Should I step in?
I THOUGHT THUGS LIKE THAT ONLY EXISTED IN VIDEO GAMES...
KRASH
KRASH
YOU CAN HAVE THIS BACK!
AAAHHH!!
SHUT THE HELL UP!
WE'RE TRYING TO ENJOY A QUIET MEAL OVER HERE!!
DUN DUN
Drop

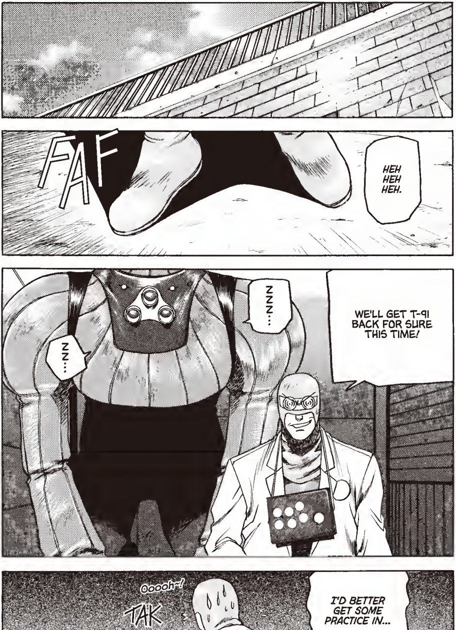

WHAT DID YOU SAY?
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!
I SAID, SHUT THE HELL UP!
I'LL GIVE YOU ONE CHANCE TO GET OUT OF MY SIGHT!!
WHOA...
bump ba-bump ba-bump bump
PUNK!
RUSH
LET'S GET 'IM!!
FAP
HUH!?
CHOP
GAAH!

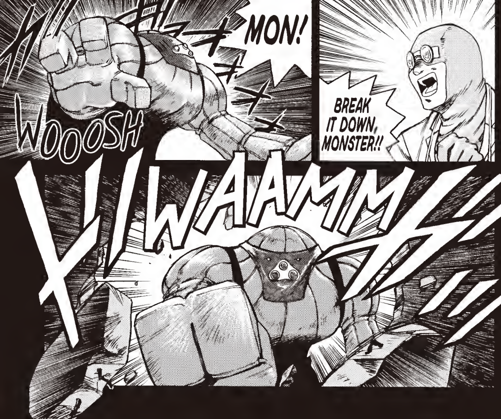

RUSH
YOU LITTLE...
Chak
WAM
WHISH
TRIP
THWAM
GRAH!
SPLAT
AAAAHHH!!
Grin
THAT'S ENOUGH!!


DUN DUN
AW, C'MON...
I JUST CAN'T STAND JERKS LIKE THEM.
SIP
天どん定食50.
LOOK OUT!
RUSH
HEY! OWW!!
GRAB
YOU'RE THE NOISIEST OF THE BUNCH, LAG!


YOU'RE RUINING EVERYONE'S RELAXING LUNCHTIME.
I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE.
RUN
WE...
WE'LL GET YOU FOR THIS!
YEAH, OKAY!
JUST HAVE YOUR PEOPLE CALL MY PEOPLE!
THANKS FOR THE BACKUP, BRO!
YOU TOTALLY SAVED MY SORRY HIDE!
DUN DUN
IT WAS NOTHING. I...


MR. CARRR-LISLE...
Heh heh
I... FOUND... YOUUU...
AGH!
HOW DID YOU FIND ME!?
Grumble
YOU'RE COMING WITH ME!
DRAG
Sob
WHAT... WAS THAT...?
BEATS ME... BUT I DIDN'T SENSE HIS PRESENCE WHEN HE GOT BEHIND ME.
THAT'S ENOUGH TO PIQUE MY INTEREST.


FAF
HEH HEH HEH.
WE'LL GET T-91 BACK FOR SURE THIS TIME!
ZZZ...
ZZ...
I'D BETTER GET SOME PRACTICE IN...
Ooooh~!
TAK
KLAK


BREAK IT DOWN, MONSTER!!
MON!
WOOOSH
KWAAMM

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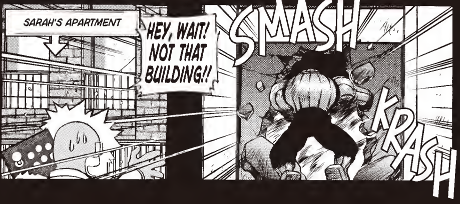
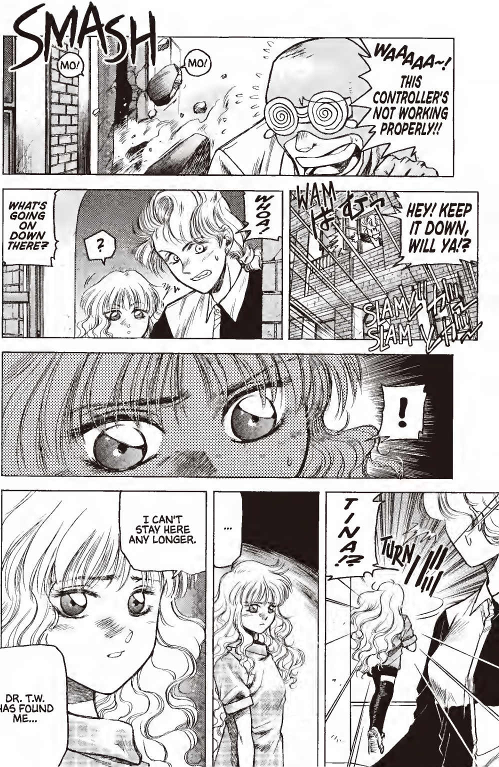
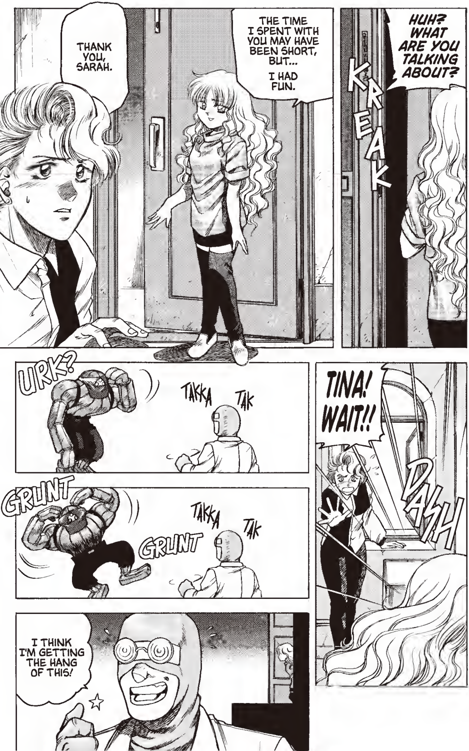
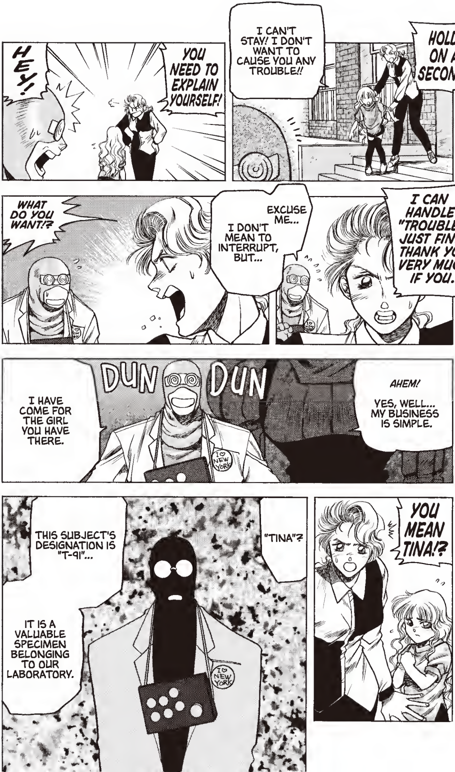
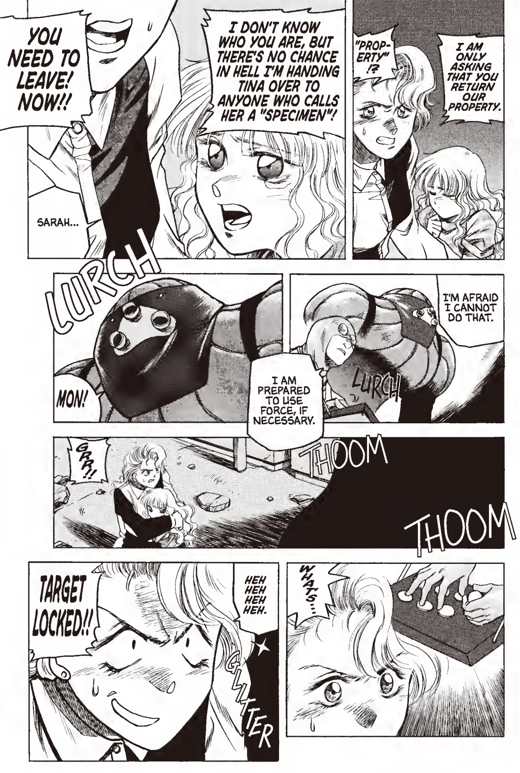
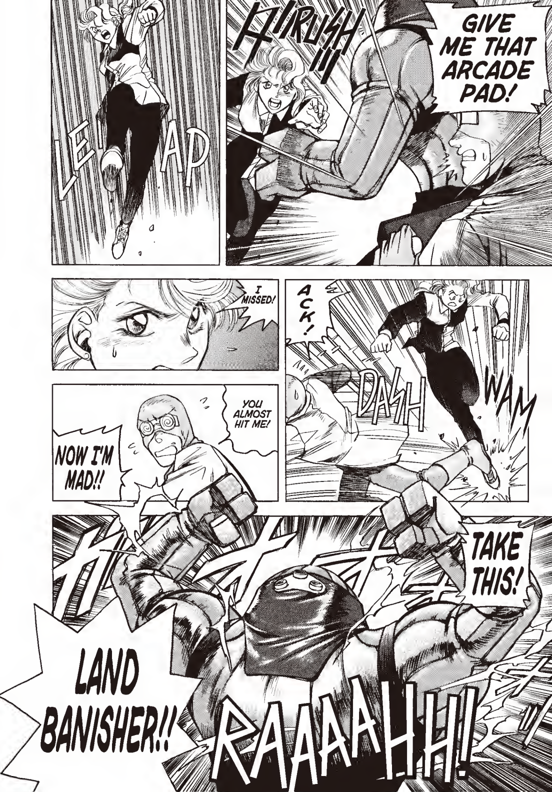

SMASH
KRASH
SARAH'S APARTMENT
HEY, WAIT! NOT THAT BUILDING!!

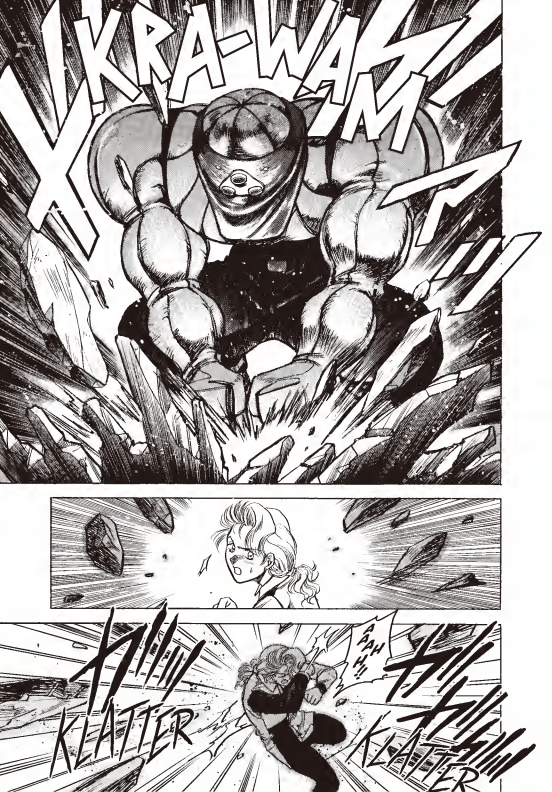

SMASH
MO!
MO!
WAAAAA~! THIS CONTROLLER'S NOT WORKING PROPERLY!!
WAM
HEY! KEEP IT DOWN, WILL YA!?
SLAM
SLAM
WHOA!
WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE?
?
!
TINA!?
TURN
...
I CAN'T STAY HERE ANY LONGER.
DR. T.W. HAS FOUND ME...

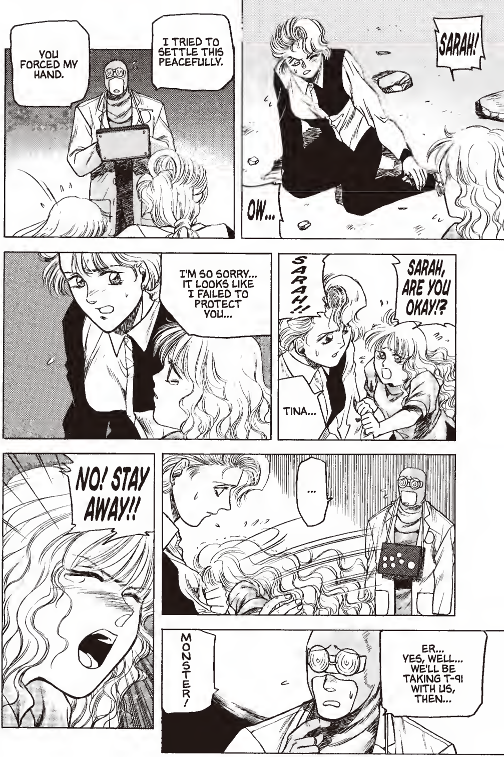

THANK YOU, SARAH.
THE TIME I SPENT WITH YOU MAY HAVE BEEN SHORT, BUT...
I HAD FUN.
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
KREAK
URK?
TAKKA TAK
GRUNT
GRUNT
TAKKA TAK
I THINK I'M GETTING THE HANG OF THIS!
TINA! WAIT!!
DASH

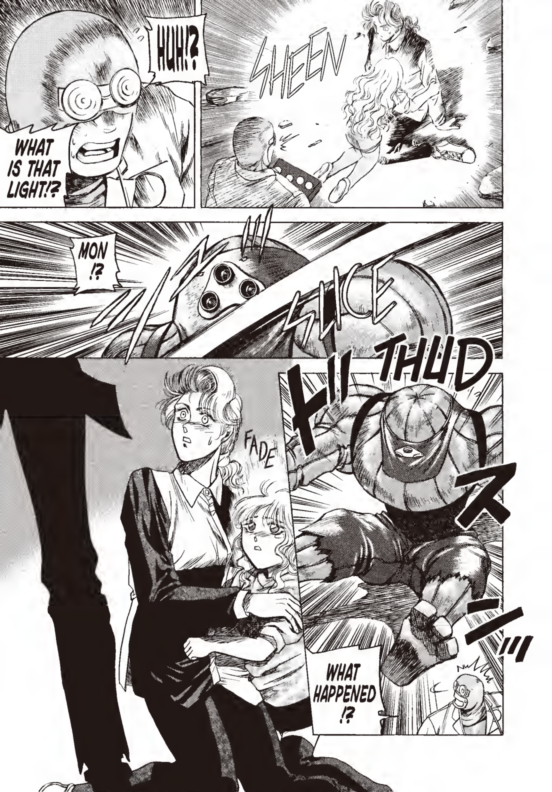

I CAN'T STAY! I DON'T WANT TO CAUSE YOU ANY TROUBLE!!
HOLD ON A SECOND!
YOU NEED TO EXPLAIN YOURSELF!
HEY!
I CAN HANDLE "TROUBLE" JUST FINE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH! IF YOU...
EXCUSE ME... I DON'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT, BUT...
WHAT DO YOU WANT!?
AHEM!
YES, WELL... MY BUSINESS IS SIMPLE.
DUN
DUN
I HAVE COME FOR THE GIRL YOU HAVE THERE.
I ♡ NEW YORK
YOU MEAN TINA!?
"TINA"?
THIS SUBJECT'S DESIGNATION IS "T-91"...
IT IS A VALUABLE SPECIMEN BELONGING TO OUR LABORATORY.

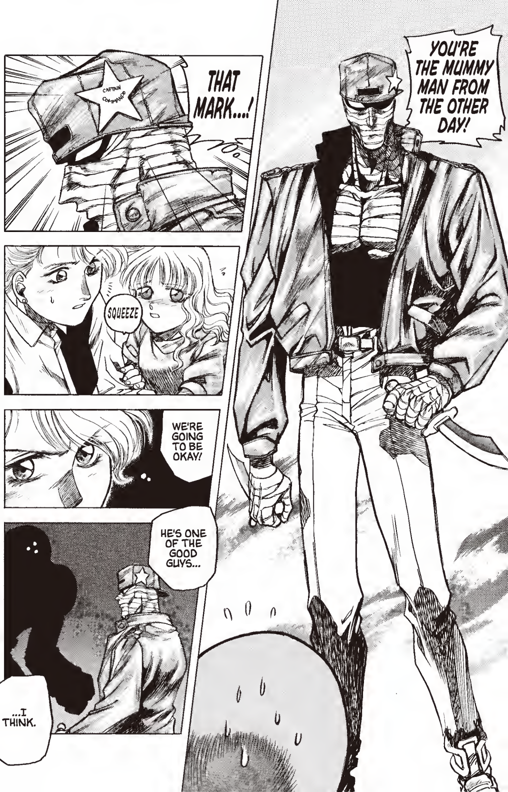

I AM ONLY ASKING THAT YOU RETURN OUR PROPERTY.
"PROPERTY" !?
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT THERE'S NO CHANCE IN HELL I'M HANDING TINA OVER TO ANYONE WHO CALLS HER A "SPECIMEN"!
YOU NEED TO LEAVE! NOW!!
SARAH...
I'M AFRAID I CANNOT DO THAT.
LURCH
I AM PREPARED TO USE FORCE, IF NECESSARY.
LURCH
MON!
THOOM
THOOM
GRR!!
WHAT'S...
HEH HEH HEH HEH.
TARGET LOCKED!!
GLITTER

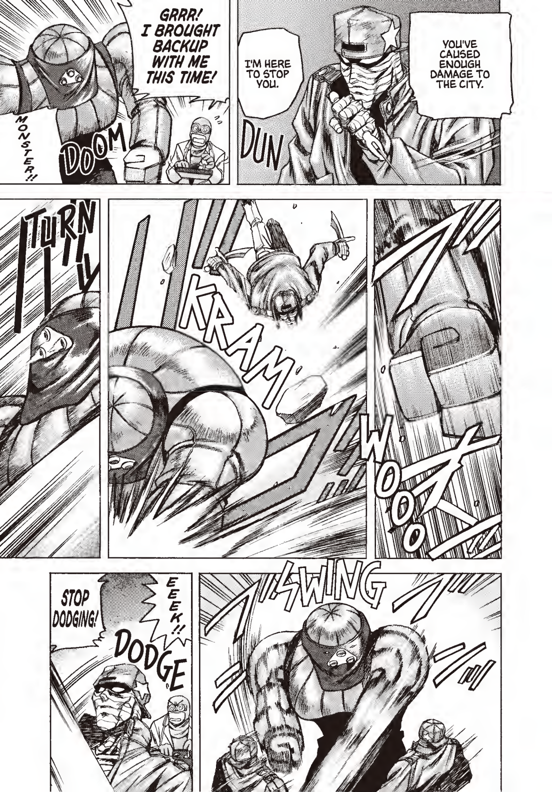

GIVE ME THAT ARCADE PAD!
HRUSH!!!
LEAP
ACK!
DASH
WAM
I MISSED!
YOU ALMOST HIT ME!
NOW I'M MAD!!
TAKE THIS!
LAND BANISHER!!
RAAAAHH!

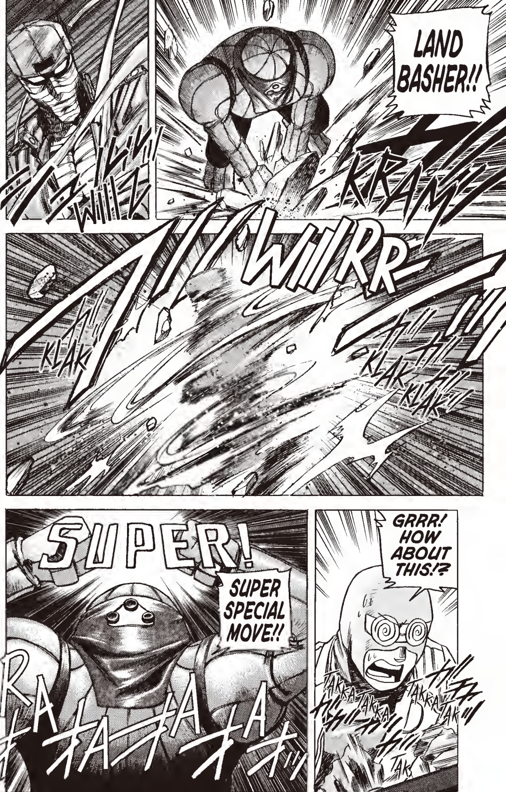

KRA-WAM!!
KLATTER!!!!!
AAAH!!
KLATTER

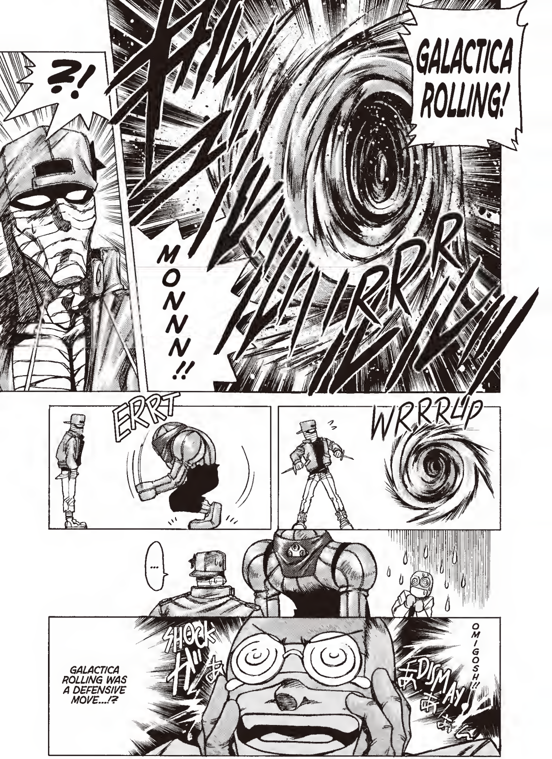

SARAH!
OW...
I TRIED TO SETTLE THIS PEACEFULLY.
YOU FORCED MY HAND.
SARAH, ARE YOU OKAY!?
SARAH!!
TINA...
I'M SO SORRY... IT LOOKS LIKE I FAILED TO PROTECT YOU...
...
NO! STAY AWAY!!
MONSTER!
ER... YES, WELL... WE'LL BE TAKING T-91 WITH US, THEN...

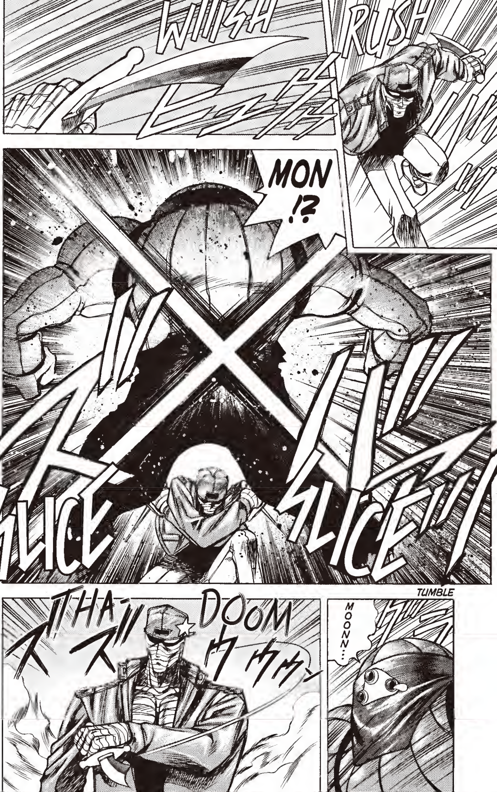

HUH!?
WHAT IS THAT LIGHT!?
SHEEN
MON !?
SLICE
ドッ
THUD
FADE
スーッ
WHAT HAPPENED !?


YOU'RE THE MUMMY MAN FROM THE OTHER DAY!
THAT MARK...!
CAPTAIN COMMANDO
SQUEEZE
WE'RE GOING TO BE OKAY!
HE'S ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS...
...I THINK.


YOU'VE CAUSED ENOUGH DAMAGE TO THE CITY.
I'M HERE TO STOP YOU.
DUN
GRRR! I BROUGHT BACKUP WITH ME THIS TIME!
MONSTER!!
DOOM
WOOOO
KRAM
TURN
SWING
EEEK!!
STOP DODGING!
DODGE


LAND BASHER!!
KRAM
WIIIZ
WIIIRR
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
GRRR! HOW ABOUT THIS!?
TAKKA TAKKA TAKKA
TAKKA
TAK
TAK
SUPER!
SUPER SPECIAL MOVE!!
RAAAA


GALACTICA ROLLING!
?!
MONNNN!!
WRRRLIP
ERRT
...
OMIGOSH!!
DISMAY
SHOCK
GALACTICA ROLLING WAS A DEFENSIVE MOVE...!?


RUSH
WHISH
ヒュ
MON !?
バッ
SLICE!!
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SLICE
TUMBLE
MOONN...
THA-DOOM
ズズ
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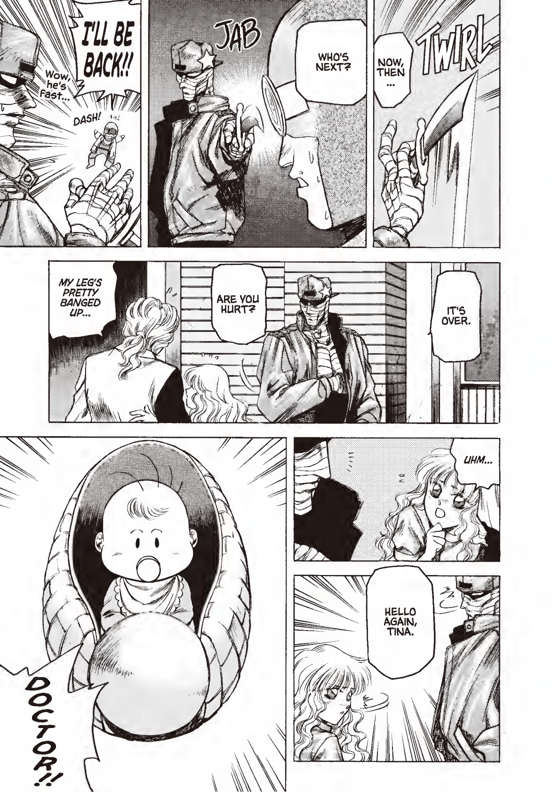
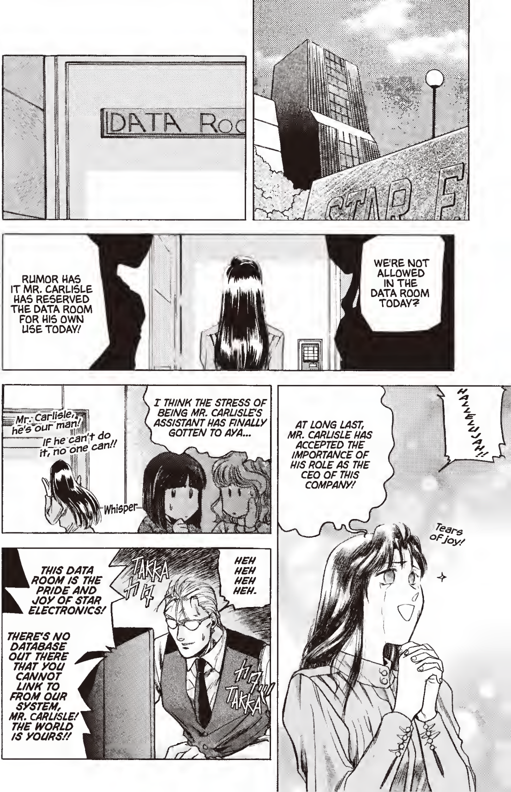
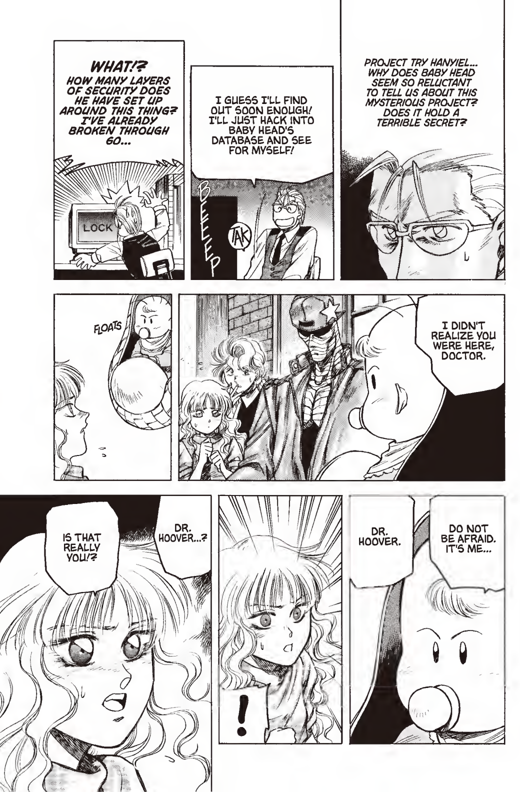
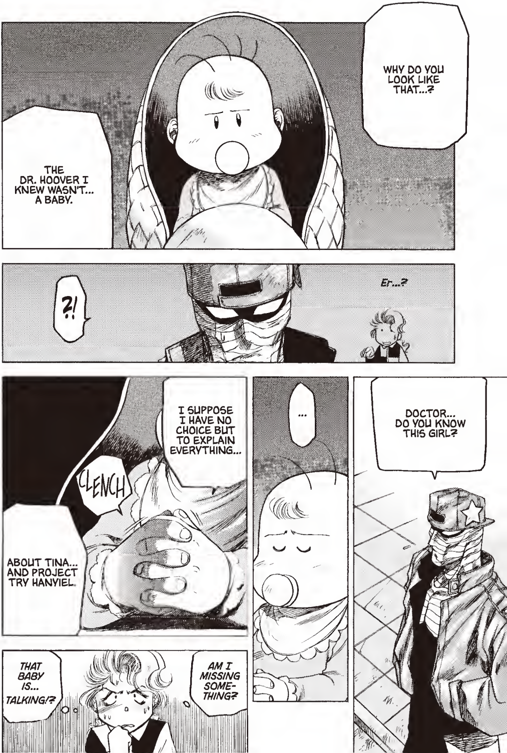
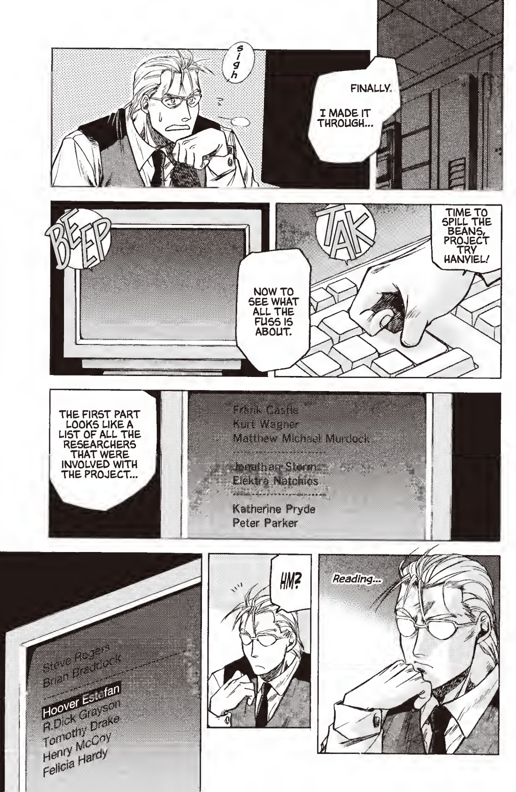
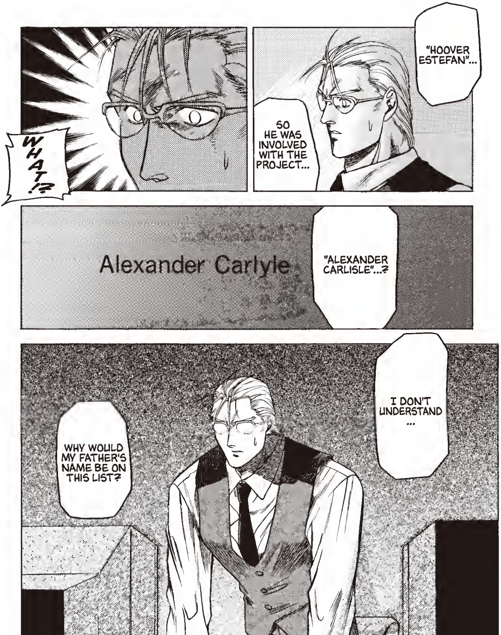

TWIRL
NOW, THEN ...
WHO'S NEXT?
JAB
I'LL BE BACK!!
Wow, he's Fast...
DASH!
IT'S OVER.
ARE YOU HURT?
MY LEG'S PRETTY BANGED UP...
UHM...
HELLO AGAIN, TINA.
DOCTOR!!

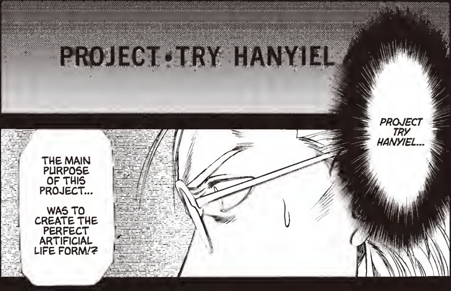

STAR E
DATA Roo
WE'RE NOT ALLOWED IN THE DATA ROOM TODAY?
RUMOR HAS IT MR. CARLISLE HAS RESERVED THE DATA ROOM FOR HIS OWN USE TODAY!
HALLELUJAH!!
AT LONG LAST, MR. CARLISLE HAS ACCEPTED THE IMPORTANCE OF HIS ROLE AS THE CEO OF THIS COMPANY!
Tears of joy!
I THINK THE STRESS OF BEING MR. CARLISLE'S ASSISTANT HAS FINALLY GOTTEN TO AYA...
Mr. Carlisle, he's our man!
If he can't do it, no one can!!
Whisper
HEH HEH HEH HEH.
TAKKA
THIS DATA ROOM IS THE PRIDE AND JOY OF STAR ELECTRONICS!
THERE'S NO DATABASE OUT THERE THAT YOU CANNOT LINK TO FROM OUR SYSTEM, MR. CARLISLE! THE WORLD IS YOURS!!
TAKKA


PROJECT TRY HANYIEL... WHY DOES BABY HEAD SEEM SO RELUCTANT TO TELL US ABOUT THIS MYSTERIOUS PROJECT? DOES IT HOLD A TERRIBLE SECRET?
I GUESS I'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH! I'LL JUST HACK INTO BABY HEAD'S DATABASE AND SEE FOR MYSELF!
BEEEEP
TAK
WHAT!? HOW MANY LAYERS OF SECURITY DOES HE HAVE SET UP AROUND THIS THING? I'VE ALREADY BROKEN THROUGH 60...
LOCK
I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE HERE, DOCTOR.
FLOATS
DO NOT BE AFRAID. IT'S ME...
DR. HOOVER.
!
DR. HOOVER...?
IS THAT REALLY YOU!?


WHY DO YOU LOOK LIKE THAT...?
THE DR. HOOVER I KNEW WASN'T... A BABY.
Er...?
?!
DOCTOR... DO YOU KNOW THIS GIRL?
...
I SUPPOSE I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING...
CLENCH
ABOUT TINA... AND PROJECT TRY HANYIEL.
AM I MISSING SOMETHING?
THAT BABY IS... TALKING!?


sigh
FINALLY.
I MADE IT THROUGH...
BEEP
TAK
NOW TO SEE WHAT ALL THE FUSS IS ABOUT.
TIME TO SPILL THE BEANS, PROJECT TRY HANYIEL!
THE FIRST PART LOOKS LIKE A LIST OF ALL THE RESEARCHERS THAT WERE INVOLVED WITH THE PROJECT...
Frank Castle
Kurt Wagner
Matthew Michael Murdock
Jonathan Storm
Elektra Natchios
Katherine Pryde
Peter Parker
Steve Rogers
Brian Bradcock
Hoover Estefan
R.Dick Grayson
Tomothy Drake
Henry McCoy
Felicia Hardy
HM?
Reading...


"HOOVER ESTEFAN"...
SO HE WAS INVOLVED WITH THE PROJECT...
WHAT!?
Alexander Carlyle
"ALEXANDER CARLISLE"...?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND ...
WHY WOULD MY FATHER'S NAME BE ON THIS LIST?


PROJECT • TRY HANYIEL
PROJECT TRY HANYIEL...
THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT...
WAS TO CREATE THE PERFECT ARTIFICIAL LIFE FORM!?

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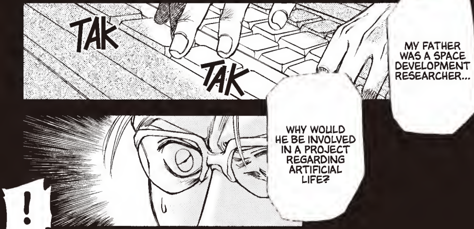
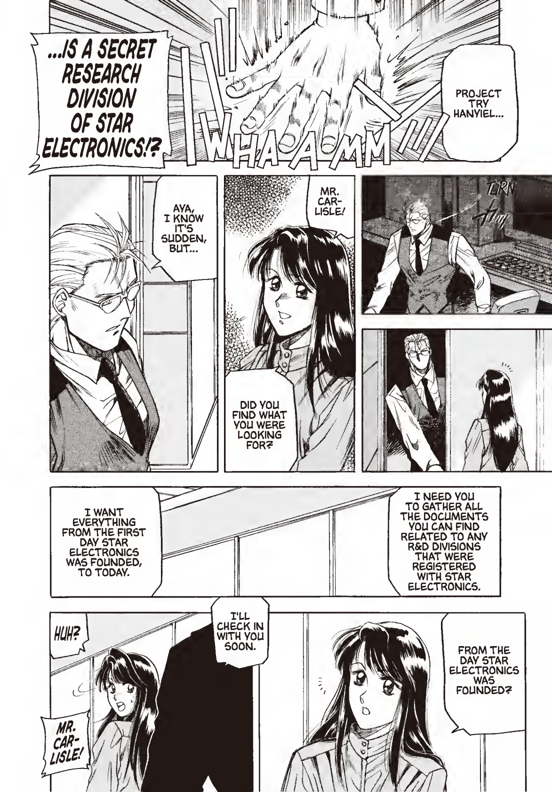
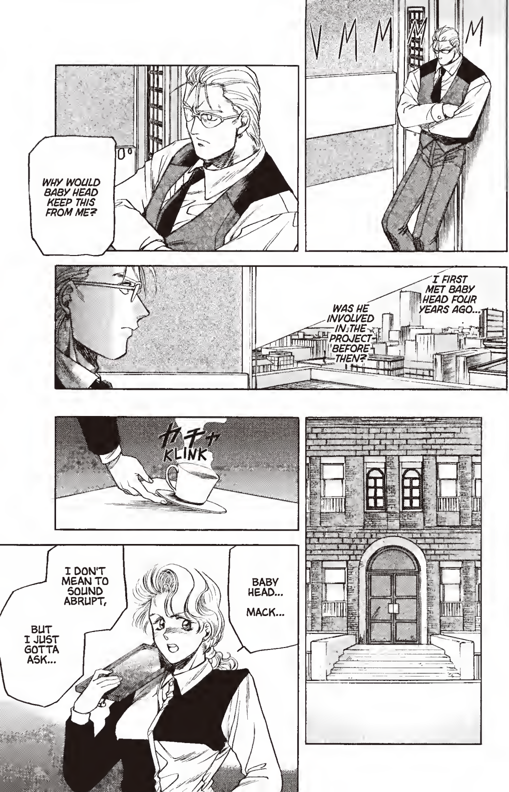
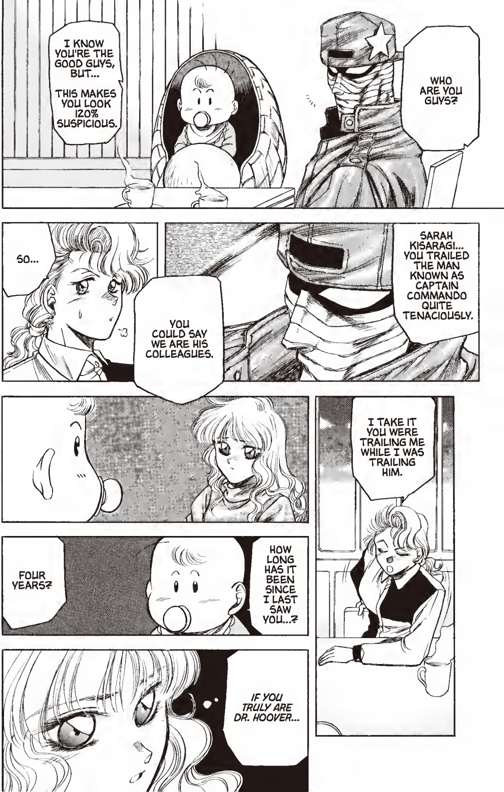
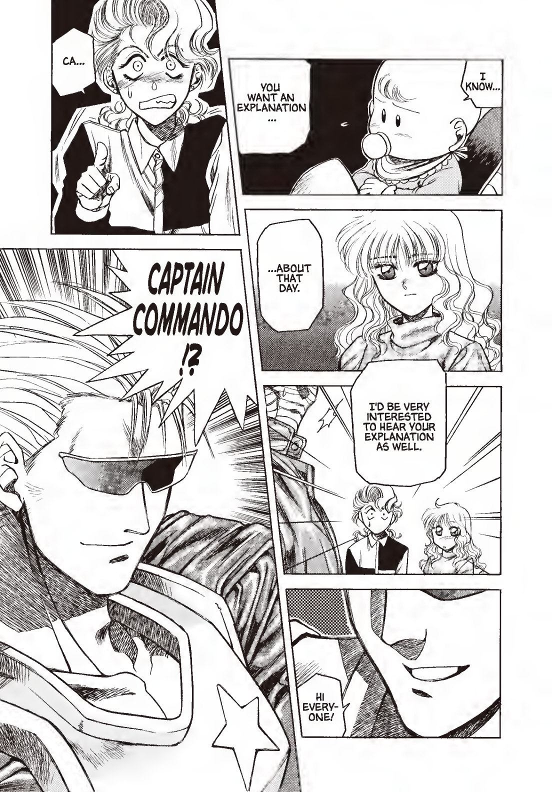
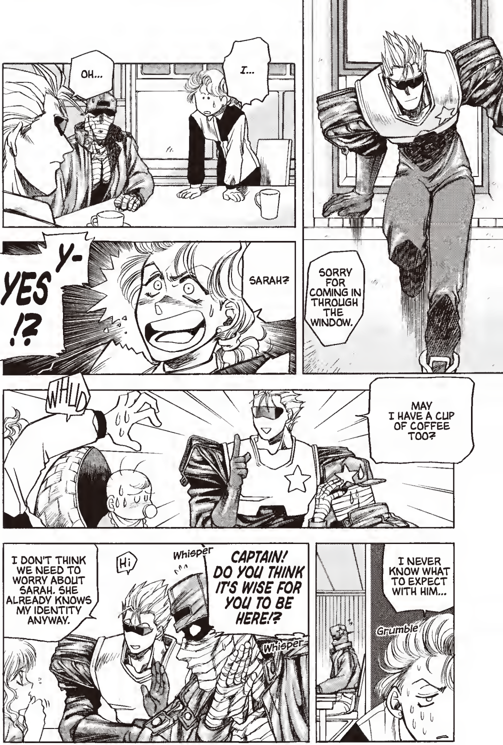

MY FATHER WAS A SPACE DEVELOPMENT RESEARCHER...
TAK
TAK
WHY WOULD HE BE INVOLVED IN A PROJECT REGARDING ARTIFICIAL LIFE?
!

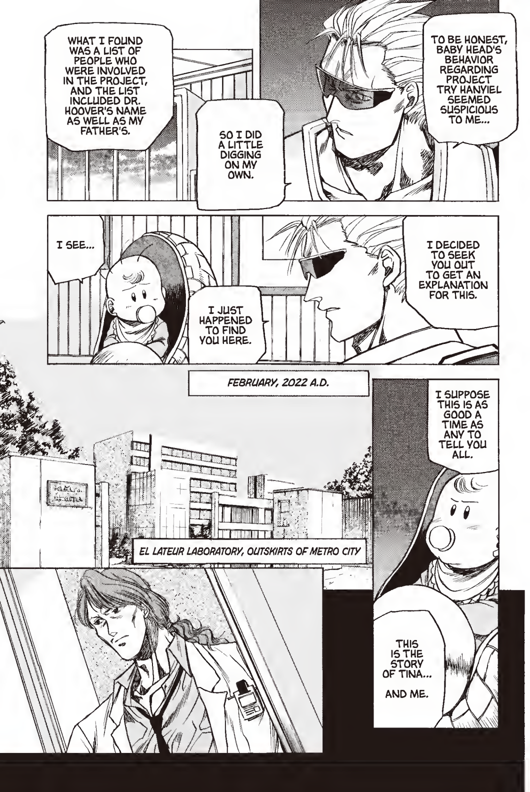

PROJECT TRY HANYIEL...
WHAAMM
...IS A SECRET RESEARCH DIVISION OF STAR ELECTRONICS!?
TURN
MR. CAR-LISLE!
DID YOU FIND WHAT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR?
AYA, I KNOW IT'S SUDDEN, BUT...
I NEED YOU TO GATHER ALL THE DOCUMENTS YOU CAN FIND RELATED TO ANY R&D DIVISIONS THAT WERE REGISTERED WITH STAR ELECTRONICS.
I WANT EVERYTHING FROM THE FIRST DAY STAR ELECTRONICS WAS FOUNDED, TO TODAY.
FROM THE DAY STAR ELECTRONICS WAS FOUNDED?
I'LL CHECK IN WITH YOU SOON.
HUH?
MR. CAR-LISLE!

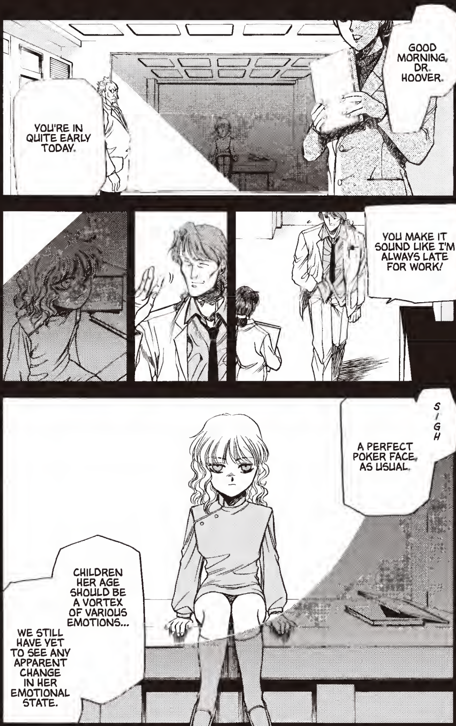

VMMMM
WHY WOULD BABY HEAD KEEP THIS FROM ME?
I FIRST MET BABY HEAD FOUR YEARS AGO...
WAS HE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT BEFORE THEN?
カチャ
KLINK
BABY HEAD...
MACK...
I DON'T MEAN TO SOUND ABRUPT,
BUT I JUST GOTTA ASK...

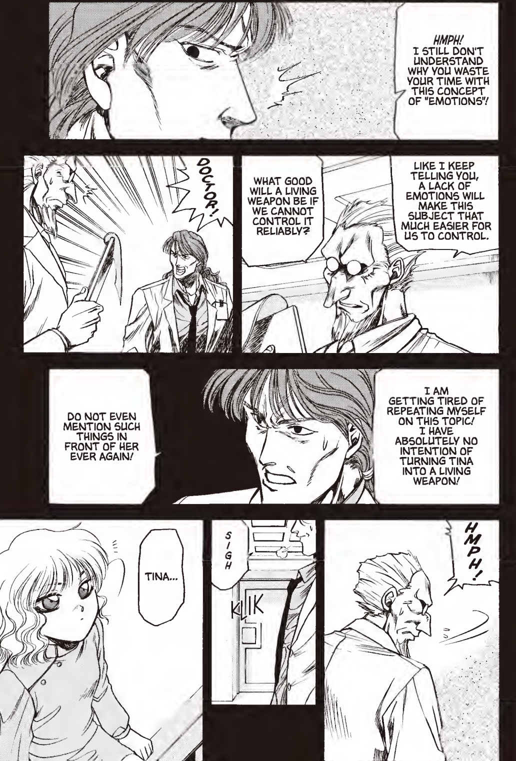

WHO ARE YOU GUYS?
I KNOW YOU'RE THE GOOD GUYS, BUT... THIS MAKES YOU LOOK 120% SUSPICIOUS.
SARAH KISARAGI... YOU TRAILED THE MAN KNOWN AS CAPTAIN COMMANDO QUITE TENACIOUSLY.
YOU COULD SAY WE ARE HIS COLLEAGUES.
SO...
I TAKE IT YOU WERE TRAILING ME WHILE I WAS TRAILING HIM.
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE I LAST SAW YOU...?
FOUR YEARS?
IF YOU TRULY ARE DR. HOOVER...

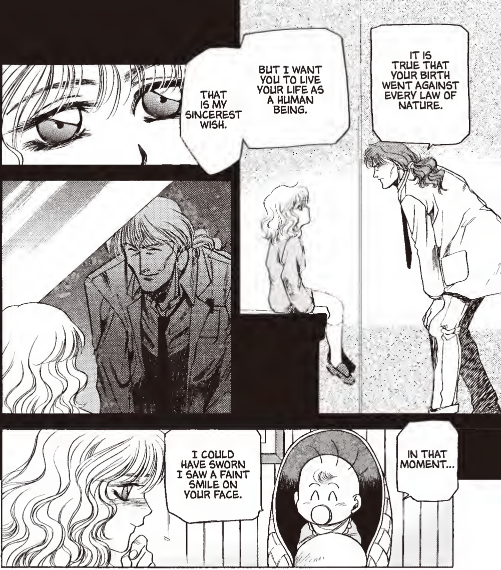

I KNOW...
YOU WANT AN EXPLANATION...
...ABOUT THAT DAY.
I'D BE VERY INTERESTED TO HEAR YOUR EXPLANATION AS WELL.
HI EVERY-ONE!
CA...
CAPTAIN COMMANDO !?

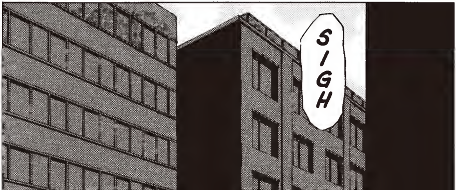

OH...
I...
SORRY FOR COMING IN THROUGH THE WINDOW.
SARAH?
Y-YES!?
WHUD
MAY I HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE TOO?
I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO WORRY ABOUT SARAH. SHE ALREADY KNOWS MY IDENTITY ANYWAY.
Hi
Whisper
CAPTAIN! DO YOU THINK IT'S WISE FOR YOU TO BE HERE!?
Whisper
I NEVER KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT WITH HIM...
Grumble

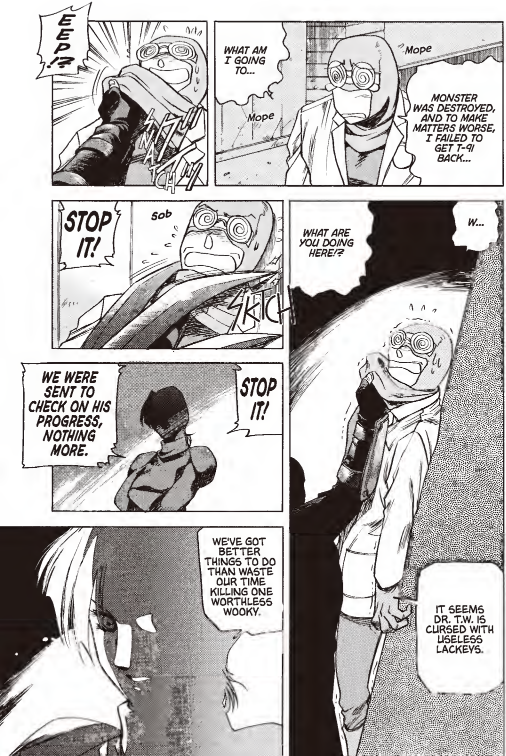

TO BE HONEST, BABY HEAD'S BEHAVIOR REGARDING PROJECT TRY HANYIEL SEEMED SUSPICIOUS TO ME...
SO I DID A LITTLE DIGGING ON MY OWN.
WHAT I FOUND WAS A LIST OF PEOPLE WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT, AND THE LIST INCLUDED DR. HOOVER'S NAME AS WELL AS MY FATHER'S.
I DECIDED TO SEEK YOU OUT TO GET AN EXPLANATION FOR THIS.
I JUST HAPPENED TO FIND YOU HERE.
I SEE...
I SUPPOSE THIS IS AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY TO TELL YOU ALL.
THIS IS THE STORY OF TINA... AND ME.
FEBRUARY, 2022 A.D.
EL LATEUR LABORATORY, OUTSKIRTS OF METRO CITY

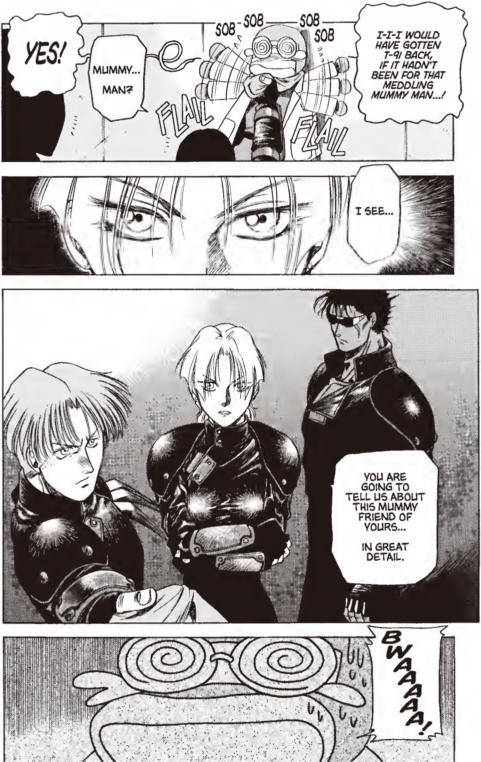

GOOD MORNING, DR. HOOVER.
YOU'RE IN QUITE EARLY TODAY.
YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE I'M ALWAYS LATE FOR WORK!
SIGH
A PERFECT POKER FACE, AS USUAL.
CHILDREN HER AGE SHOULD BE A VORTEX OF VARIOUS EMOTIONS...
WE STILL HAVE YET TO SEE ANY APPARENT CHANGE IN HER EMOTIONAL STATE.

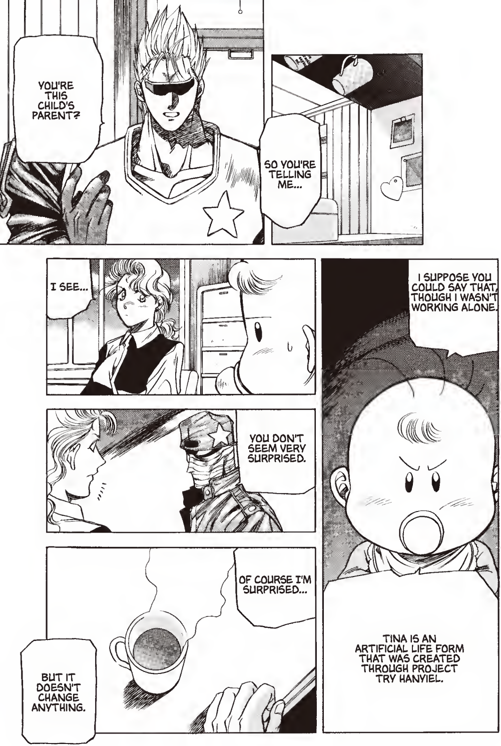

HMPH! I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WASTE YOUR TIME WITH THIS CONCEPT OF "EMOTIONS"!
LIKE I KEEP TELLING YOU, A LACK OF EMOTIONS WILL MAKE THIS SUBJECT THAT MUCH EASIER FOR US TO CONTROL.
WHAT GOOD WILL A LIVING WEAPON BE IF WE CANNOT CONTROL IT RELIABLY?
DOCTOR!
I AM GETTING TIRED OF REPEATING MYSELF ON THIS TOPIC! I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTENTION OF TURNING TINA INTO A LIVING WEAPON!
DO NOT EVEN MENTION SUCH THINGS IN FRONT OF HER EVER AGAIN!
HMPH!
KLIK
SIGH
TINA...

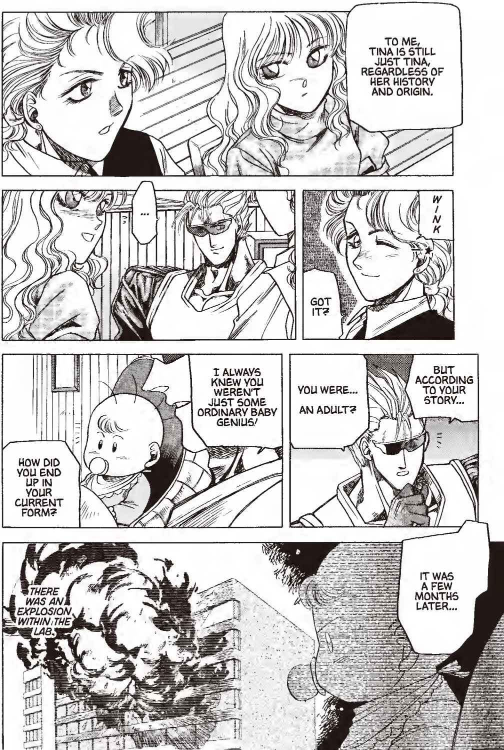

IT IS TRUE THAT YOUR BIRTH WENT AGAINST EVERY LAW OF NATURE.
BUT I WANT YOU TO LIVE YOUR LIFE AS A HUMAN BEING.
THAT IS MY SINCEREST WISH.
IN THAT MOMENT...
I COULD HAVE SWORN I SAW A FAINT SMILE ON YOUR FACE.

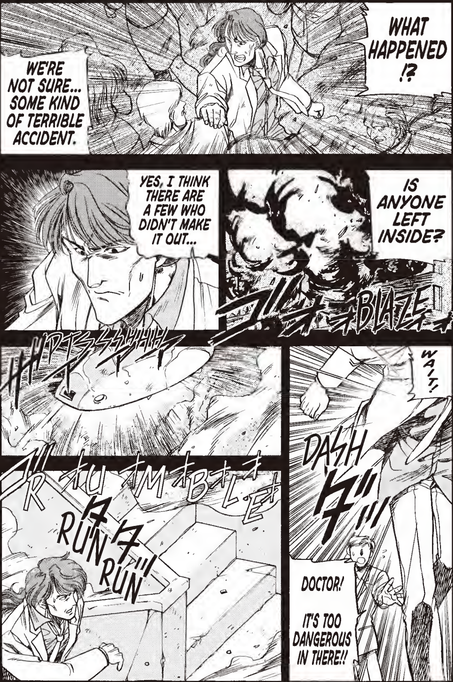

SIGH

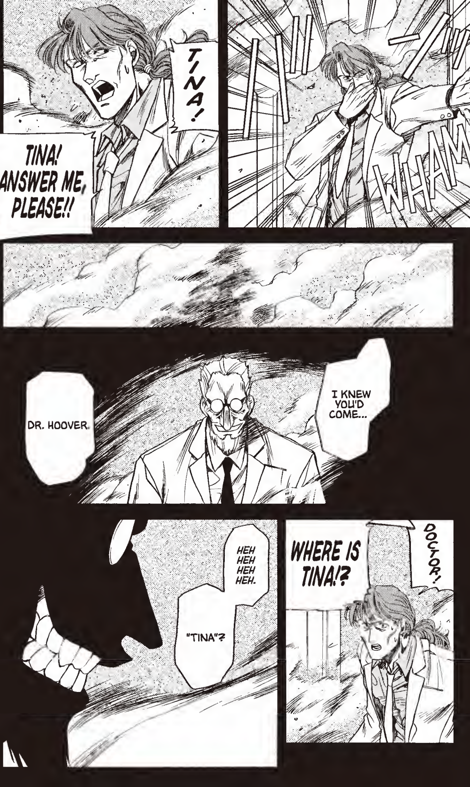

WHAT AM I GOING TO...
Mope
Mope
MONSTER WAS DESTROYED, AND TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, I FAILED TO GET T-91 BACK...
EEP!?
SNATCH
W...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
STOP IT!
Sob
SKTCH
IT SEEMS DR. T.W. IS CURSED WITH USELESS LACKEYS.
STOP IT!
WE WERE SENT TO CHECK ON HIS PROGRESS, NOTHING MORE.
WE'VE GOT BETTER THINGS TO DO THAN WASTE OUR TIME KILLING ONE WORTHLESS WOOKY.

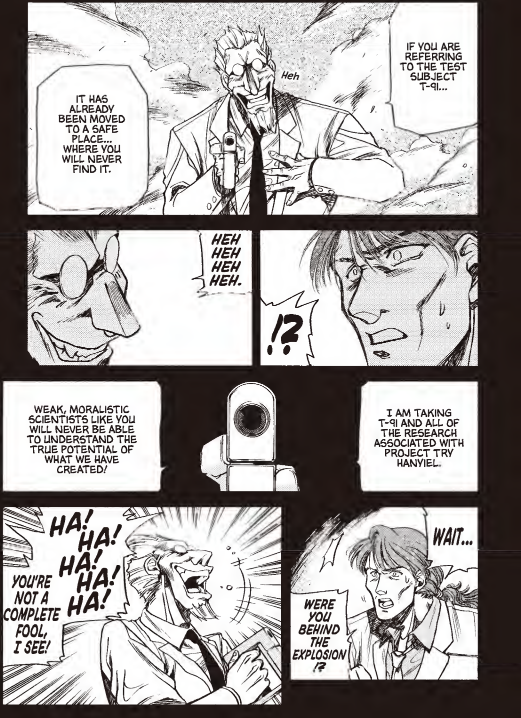

I-I-I WOULD HAVE GOTTEN T-91 BACK, IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THAT MEDDLING MUMMY MAN...!
SOB SOB SOB SOB
MUMMY... MAN?
YES!
FLAIL FLAIL
I SEE...
YOU ARE GOING TO TELL US ABOUT THIS MUMMY FRIEND OF YOURS... IN GREAT DETAIL.
BWAAAAA!

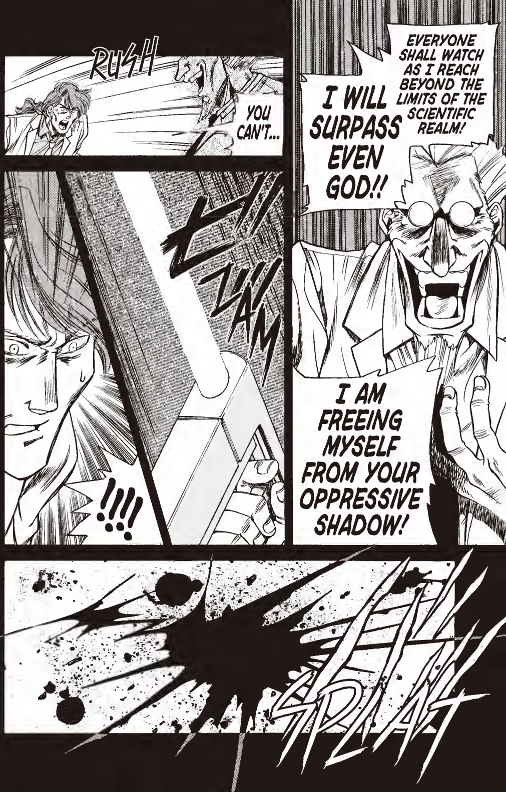

SO YOU'RE TELLING ME...
YOU'RE THIS CHILD'S PARENT?
I SUPPOSE YOU COULD SAY THAT, THOUGH I WASN'T WORKING ALONE.
TINA IS AN ARTIFICIAL LIFE FORM THAT WAS CREATED THROUGH PROJECT TRY HANYIEL.
I SEE...
YOU DON'T SEEM VERY SURPRISED.
OF COURSE I'M SURPRISED...
BUT IT DOESN'T CHANGE ANYTHING.

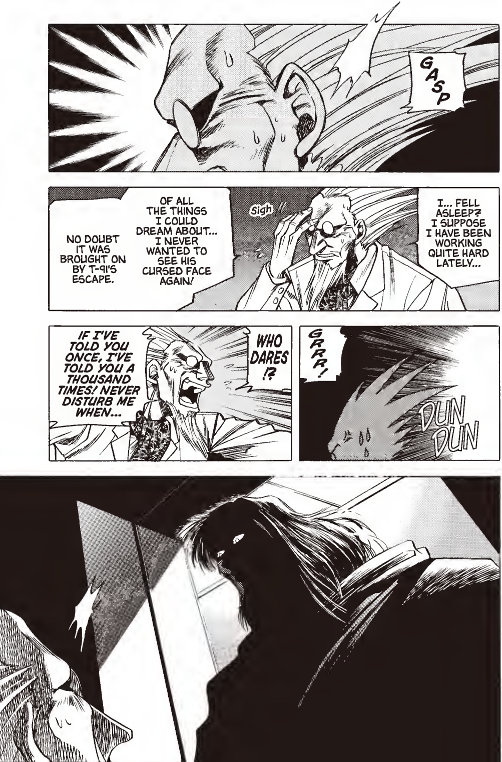

TO ME, TINA IS STILL JUST TINA, REGARDLESS OF HER HISTORY AND ORIGIN.
WINK
GOT IT?
...
BUT ACCORDING TO YOUR STORY...
YOU WERE... AN ADULT?
I ALWAYS KNEW YOU WEREN'T JUST SOME ORDINARY BABY GENIUS!
HOW DID YOU END UP IN YOUR CURRENT FORM?
IT WAS A FEW MONTHS LATER...
THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION WITHIN THE LAB.

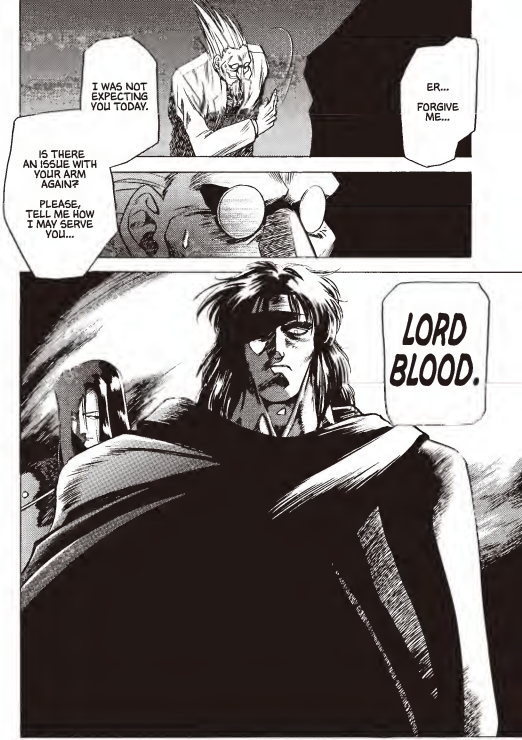

WHAT HAPPENED!?
WE'RE NOT SURE... SOME KIND OF TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.
IS ANYONE LEFT INSIDE?
BLAZE
YES, I THINK THERE ARE A FEW WHO DIDN'T MAKE IT OUT...
HISSSHHH
WAIT!
DASH
DOCTOR!
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS IN THERE!!
RUMBLE
RUN RUN


WHAM
TINA!
TINA! ANSWER ME, PLEASE!!
I KNEW YOU'D COME...
DR. HOOVER.
DOCTOR!
WHERE IS TINA!?
HEH HEH HEH HEH.
"TINA"?


IF YOU ARE REFERRING TO THE TEST SUBJECT T-91...
Heh
IT HAS ALREADY BEEN MOVED TO A SAFE PLACE... WHERE YOU WILL NEVER FIND IT.
!?
HEH HEH HEH HEH.
I AM TAKING T-91 AND ALL OF THE RESEARCH ASSOCIATED WITH PROJECT TRY HANYIEL.
WEAK, MORALISTIC SCIENTISTS LIKE YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUE POTENTIAL OF WHAT WE HAVE CREATED!
WAIT...
WERE YOU BEHIND THE EXPLOSION !?
HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!
YOU'RE NOT A COMPLETE FOOL, I SEE!


EVERYONE SHALL WATCH AS I REACH BEYOND THE LIMITS OF THE SCIENTIFIC REALM!
I WILL SURPASS EVEN GOD!!
RUSH
YOU CAN'T...
I AM FREEING MYSELF FROM YOUR OPPRESSIVE SHADOW!
ZZZAM
!!!!
SPLAT


GASP
I... FELL ASLEEP? I SUPPOSE I HAVE BEEN WORKING QUITE HARD LATELY...
Sigh
OF ALL THE THINGS I COULD DREAM ABOUT... I NEVER WANTED TO SEE HIS CURSED FACE AGAIN!
NO DOUBT IT WAS BROUGHT ON BY T-91'S ESCAPE.
GRRR!
DUN DUN
WHO DARES !?
IF I'VE TOLD YOU ONCE, I'VE TOLD YOU A THOUSAND TIMES! NEVER DISTURB ME WHEN...


ER...

FORGIVE ME...
I WAS NOT EXPECTING YOU TODAY.
IS THERE AN ISSUE WITH YOUR ARM AGAIN?

PLEASE, TELL ME HOW I MAY SERVE YOU...
LORD BLOOD.

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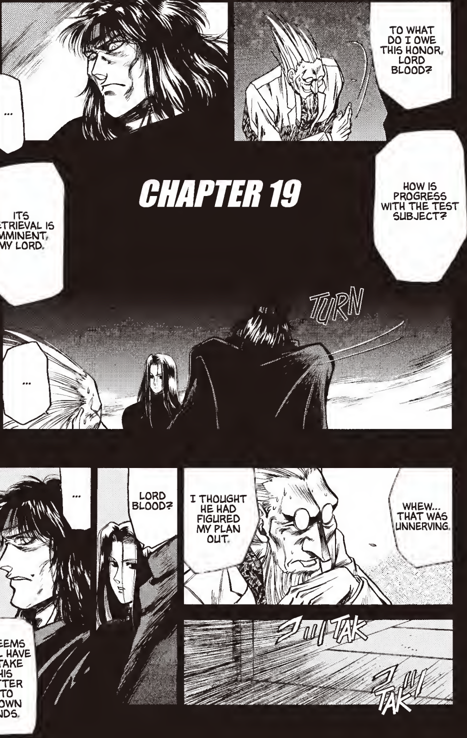
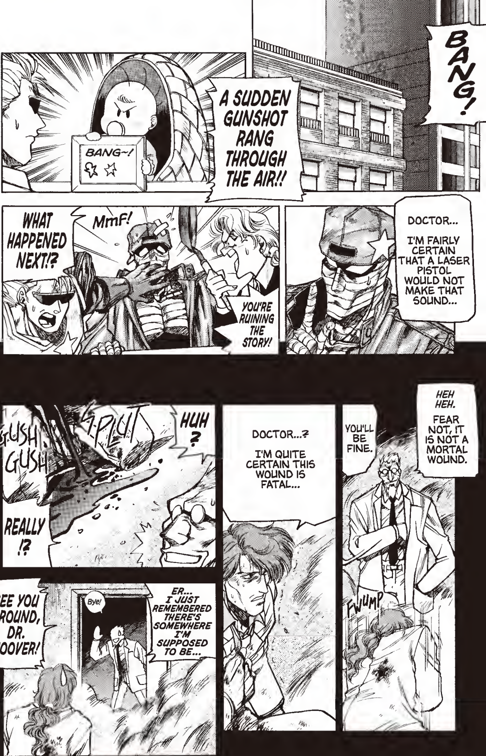
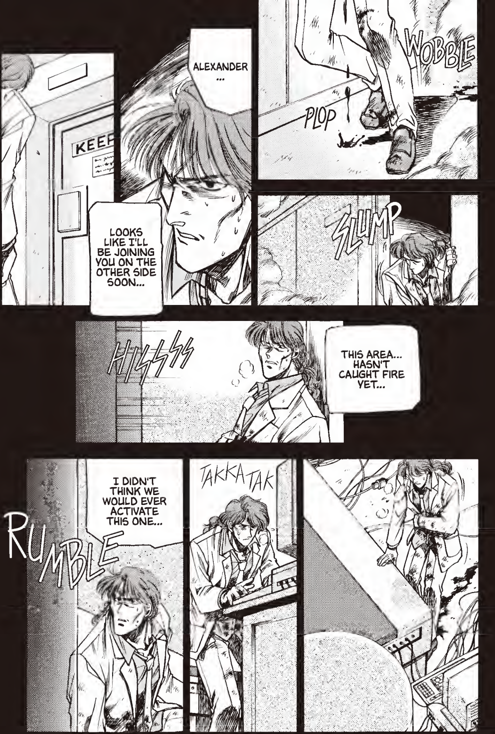
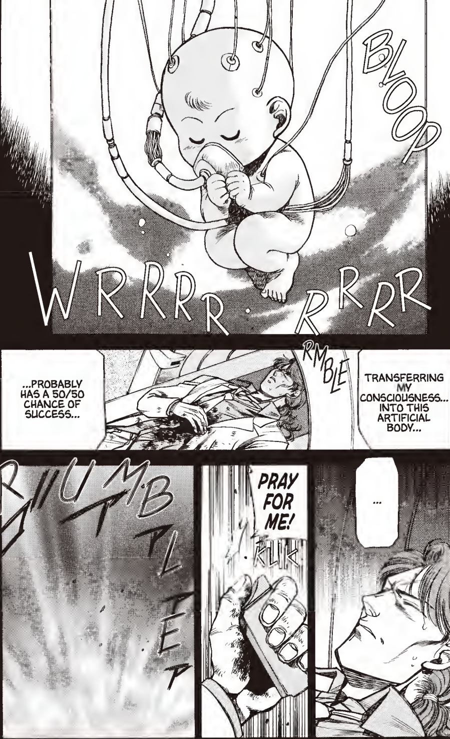
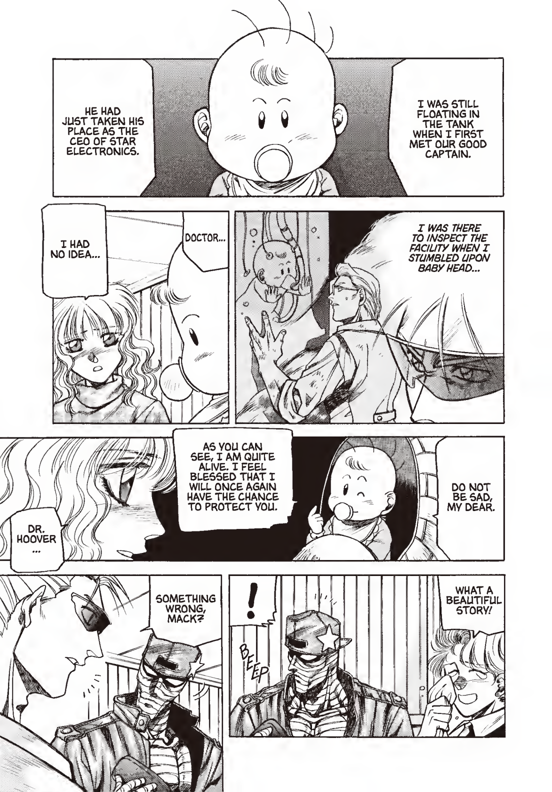
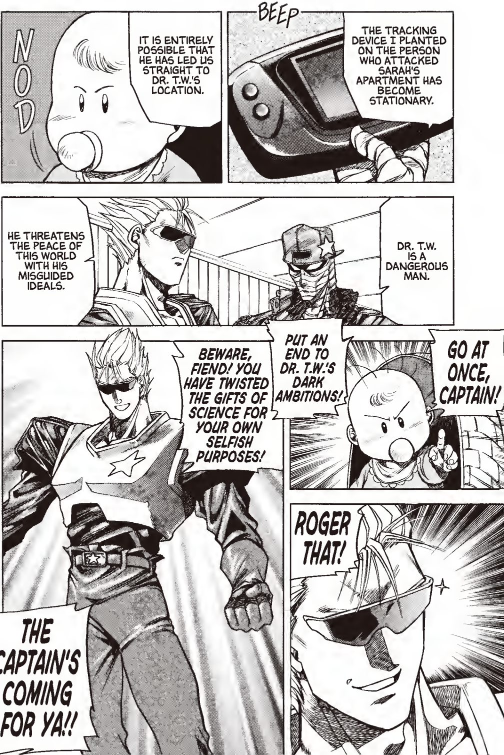

TO WHAT DO I OWE THIS HONOR, LORD BLOOD?
...
HOW IS PROGRESS WITH THE TEST SUBJECT?
ITS RETRIEVAL IS IMMINENT, MY LORD.
TURN
...
WHEW... THAT WAS UNNERVING.
I THOUGHT HE HAD FIGURED MY PLAN OUT.
TAK
TAK
LORD BLOOD?
...
IT SEEMS I WILL HAVE TO TAKE THIS MATTER INTO MY OWN HANDS.

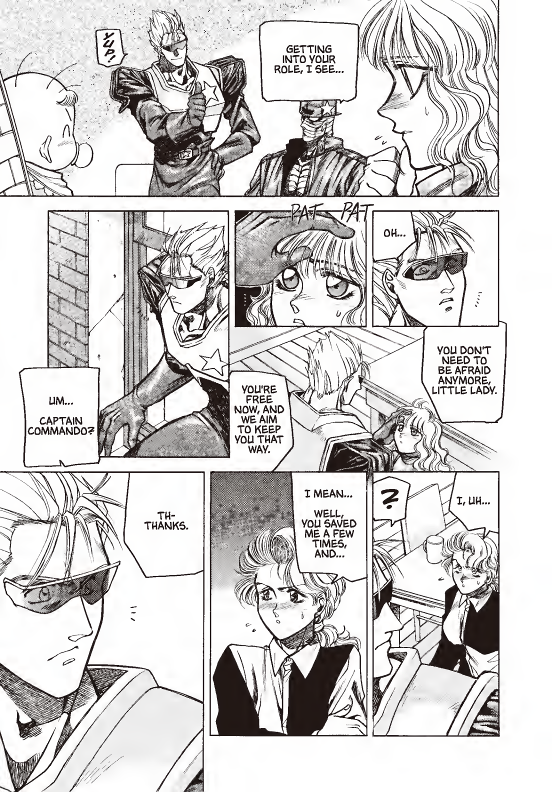

BANG!
A SUDDEN GUNSHOT RANG THROUGH THE AIR!!
BANG~!
DOCTOR... I'M FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT A LASER PISTOL WOULD NOT MAKE THAT SOUND...
MmF!
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT!?
YOU'RE RUINING THE STORY!
HEH HEH.
FEAR NOT, IT IS NOT A MORTAL WOUND.
YOU'LL BE FINE.
FWUMP
DOCTOR...?
I'M QUITE CERTAIN THIS WOUND IS FATAL...
HUH?
S-PLUT
GUSH GUSH
REALLY!?
ER... I JUST REMEMBERED THERE'S SOMEWHERE I'M SUPPOSED TO BE...
Bye!
SEE YOU AROUND, DR. HOOVER!

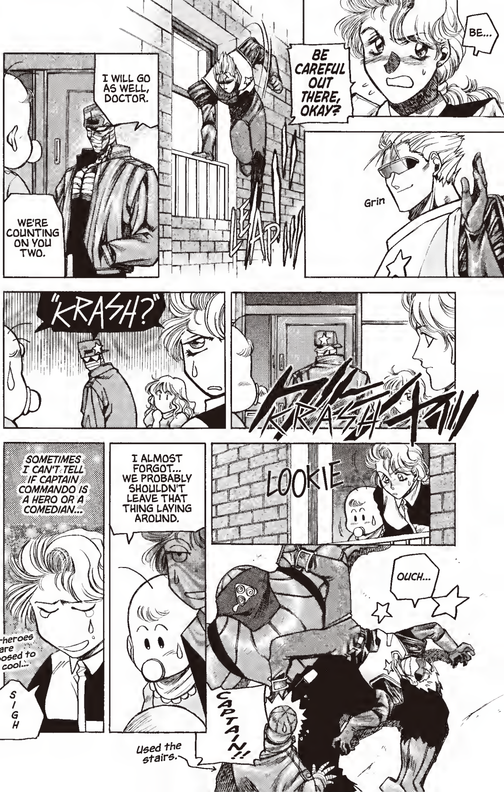

KEEP
ALEXANDER ...
LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE JOINING YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE SOON...
WOBBLE
PLOP
SLUMP
HISSSS
THIS AREA... HASN'T CAUGHT FIRE YET...
RUMBLE
I DIDN'T THINK WE WOULD EVER ACTIVATE THIS ONE...
TAKKATAK

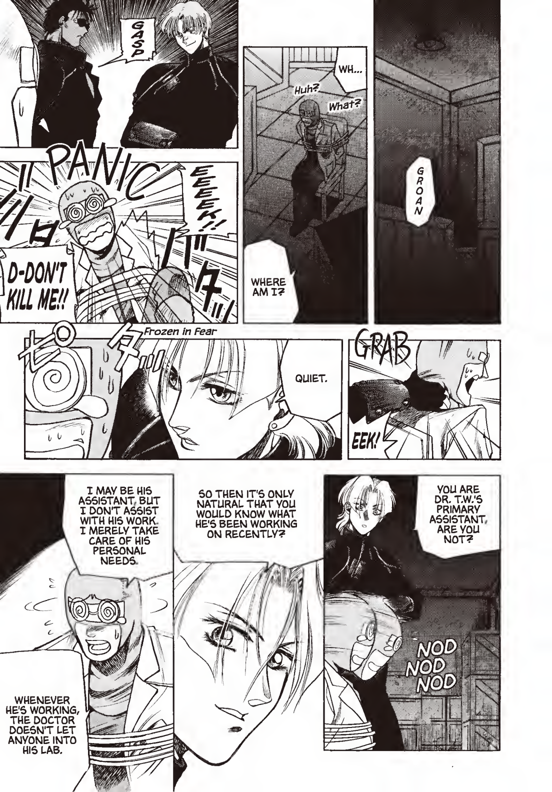

BLOOP
WRRRRR RRRR
RMBLE
TRANSFERRING MY CONSCIOUSNESS... INTO THIS ARTIFICIAL BODY...
...PROBABLY HAS A 50/50 CHANCE OF SUCCESS...
...
PRAY FOR ME!
KLIK
RUMBLE

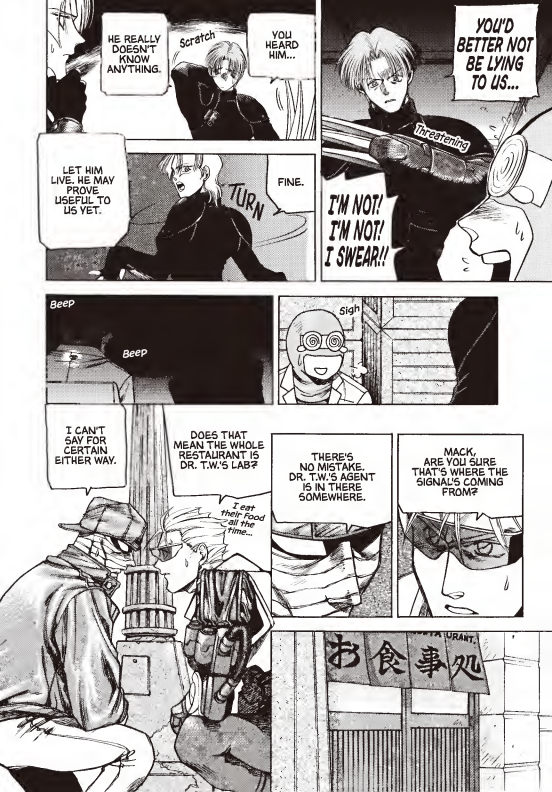

I WAS STILL FLOATING IN THE TANK WHEN I FIRST MET OUR GOOD CAPTAIN.
HE HAD JUST TAKEN HIS PLACE AS THE CEO OF STAR ELECTRONICS.
I WAS THERE TO INSPECT THE FACILITY WHEN I STUMBLED UPON BABY HEAD...
DOCTOR...
I HAD NO IDEA...
DO NOT BE SAD, MY DEAR.
AS YOU CAN SEE, I AM QUITE ALIVE. I FEEL BLESSED THAT I WILL ONCE AGAIN HAVE THE CHANCE TO PROTECT YOU.
DR. HOOVER ...
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL STORY!
!
BEEP
SOMETHING WRONG, MACK?

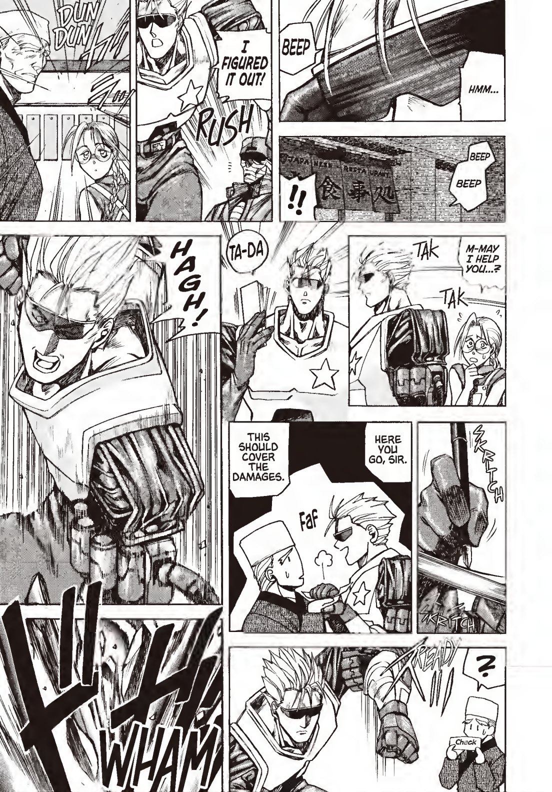

BEEP
THE TRACKING DEVICE I PLANTED ON THE PERSON WHO ATTACKED SARAH'S APARTMENT HAS BECOME STATIONARY.
IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT HE HAS LED US STRAIGHT TO DR. T.W.'S LOCATION.
NOD
DR. T.W. IS A DANGEROUS MAN.
HE THREATENS THE PEACE OF THIS WORLD WITH HIS MISGUIDED IDEALS.
GO AT ONCE, CAPTAIN!
PUT AN END TO DR. T.W.'S DARK AMBITIONS!
ROGER THAT!
BEWARE, FIEND! YOU HAVE TWISTED THE GIFTS OF SCIENCE FOR YOUR OWN SELFISH PURPOSES!
THE CAPTAIN'S COMING FOR YA!!

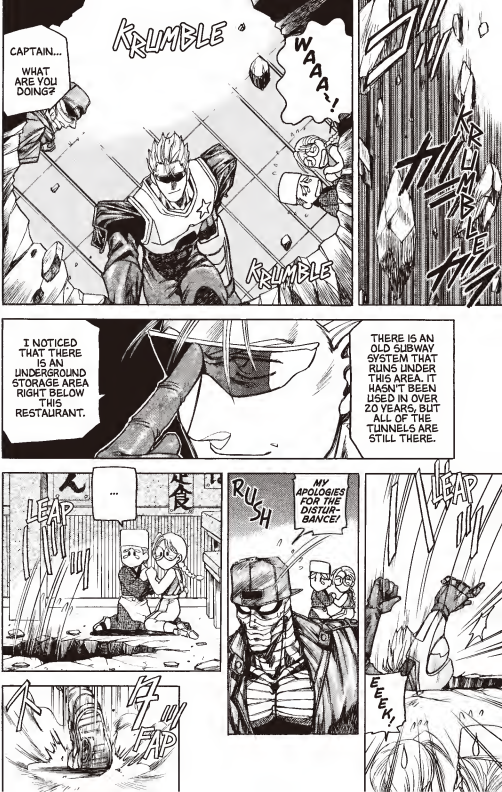

GETTING INTO YOUR ROLE, I SEE...
YUP!
PAT PAT
OH...
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AFRAID ANYMORE, LITTLE LADY.
YOU'RE FREE NOW, AND WE AIM TO KEEP YOU THAT WAY.
UM... CAPTAIN COMMANDO?
?
I, UH...
I MEAN... WELL, YOU SAVED ME A FEW TIMES, AND...
TH-THANKS.

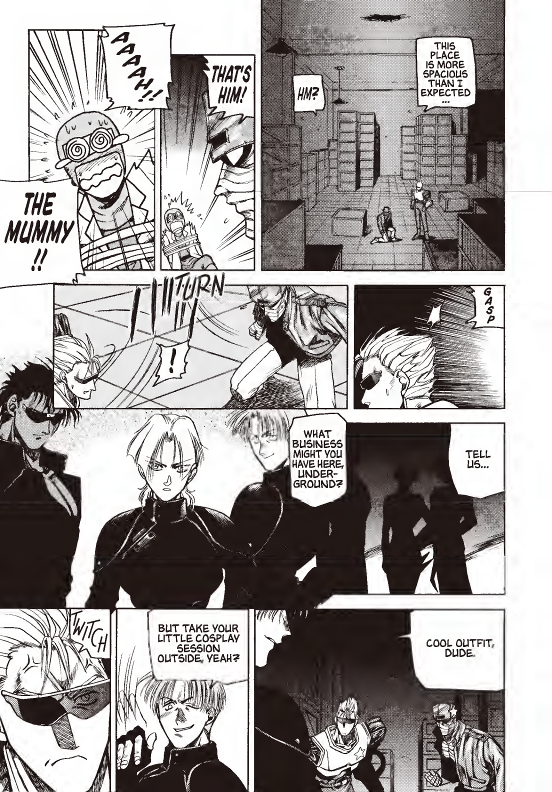

WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU TWO.
I WILL GO AS WELL, DOCTOR.
BE...
BE CAREFUL OUT THERE, OKAY?
Grin
LEAP
"KRASH?"
KRASH
LOOKIE
OUCH...
CAPTAIN!!
Used the stairs.
I ALMOST FORGOT... WE PROBABLY SHOULDN'T LEAVE THAT THING LAYING AROUND.
SOMETIMES I CAN'T TELL IF CAPTAIN COMMANDO IS A HERO OR A COMEDIAN...
Superheroes are supposed to be cool...
SIGH

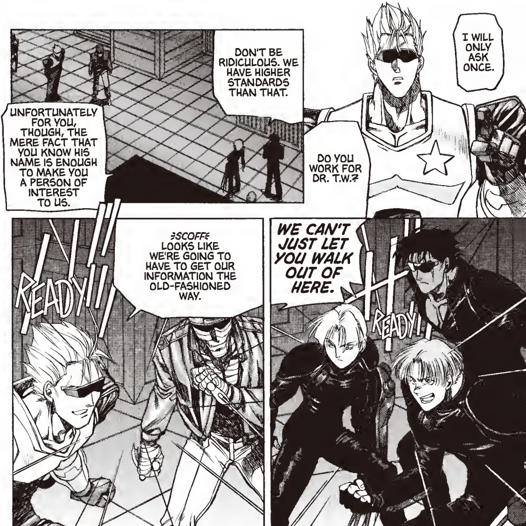

GROAN
WH...
Huh?
What?
WHERE AM I?
GASP
EEEEK!!
PANIC
D-DON'T KILL ME!!
GRAB
EEK!
QUIET.
Frozen in Fear
ピタッ
YOU ARE DR. T.W.'S PRIMARY ASSISTANT, ARE YOU NOT?
NOD NOD NOD
SO THEN IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT YOU WOULD KNOW WHAT HE'S BEEN WORKING ON RECENTLY?
I MAY BE HIS ASSISTANT, BUT I DON'T ASSIST WITH HIS WORK. I MERELY TAKE CARE OF HIS PERSONAL NEEDS.
WHENEVER HE'S WORKING, THE DOCTOR DOESN'T LET ANYONE INTO HIS LAB.

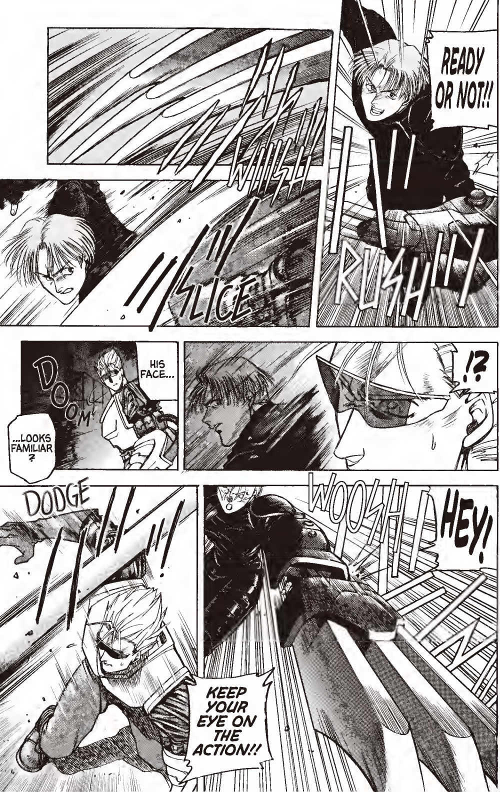

YOU'D BETTER NOT BE LYING TO US...
Threatening
I'M NOT! I'M NOT! I SWEAR!!
YOU HEARD HIM...
Scratch
HE REALLY DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING.
FINE.
TURN
LET HIM LIVE. HE MAY PROVE USEFUL TO US YET.
Sigh
Beep
Beep
MACK, ARE YOU SURE THAT'S WHERE THE SIGNAL'S COMING FROM?
THERE'S NO MISTAKE. DR. T.W.'S AGENT IS IN THERE SOMEWHERE.
DOES THAT MEAN THE WHOLE RESTAURANT IS DR. T.W.'S LAB?
I eat their food all the time...
I CAN'T SAY FOR CERTAIN EITHER WAY.
URANT.
お食事処

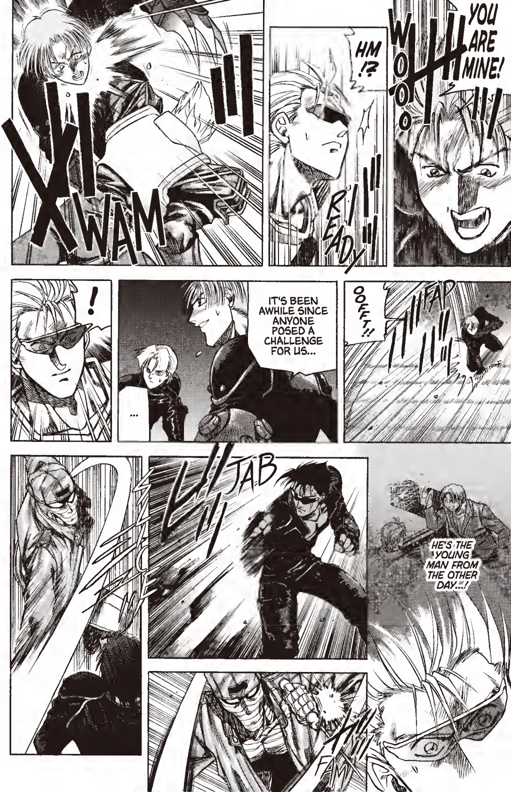

BEEP
HMM...
BEEP
BEEP
!!
食事処
I FIGURED IT OUT!
RUSH
DUN DUN
TAK
M-MAY I HELP YOU...?
TAK
TA-DA
HAGH!
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
HERE YOU GO, SIR.
THIS SHOULD COVER THE DAMAGES.
Faf
?
READY
Check
WHAM

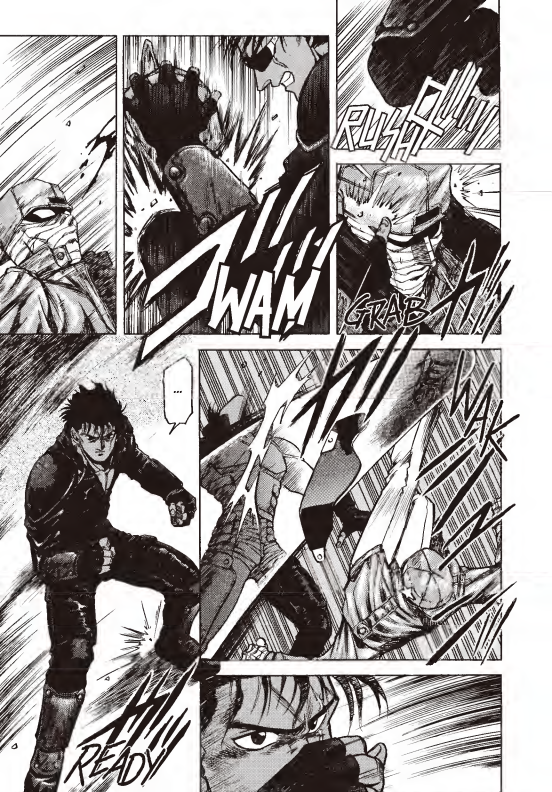

KRUMBLE
WAAAA~!
KRUMBLE
CAPTAIN... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
KRUMBLE
THERE IS AN OLD SUBWAY SYSTEM THAT RUNS UNDER THIS AREA. IT HASN'T BEEN USED IN OVER 20 YEARS, BUT ALL OF THE TUNNELS ARE STILL THERE.
I NOTICED THAT THERE IS AN UNDERGROUND STORAGE AREA RIGHT BELOW THIS RESTAURANT.
LEAP
EEEK!
RUSH
MY APOLOGIES FOR THE DISTURBANCE!
...
LEAP
タ
FAP
ヘ

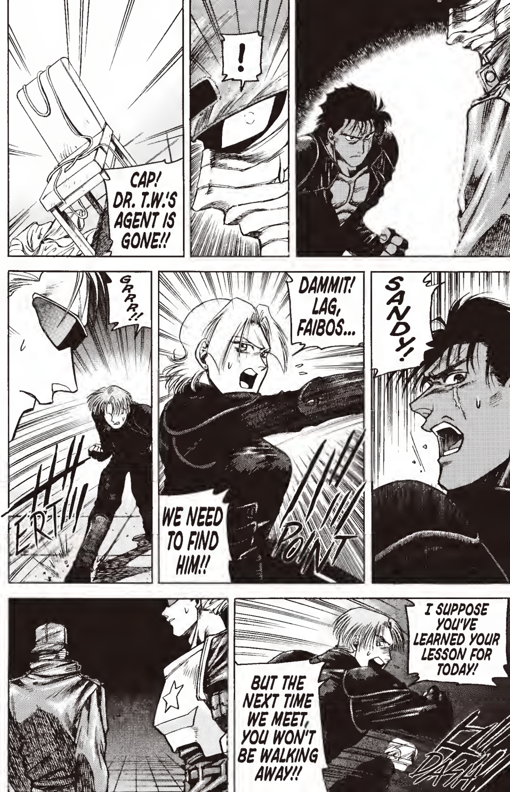

THIS PLACE IS MORE SPACIOUS THAN I EXPECTED ...
HM?
THAT'S HIM!
AAAAH!!
THE MUMMY !!
GASP
TURN
!
TELL US...
WHAT BUSINESS MIGHT YOU HAVE HERE, UNDERGROUND?
COOL OUTFIT, DUDE.
BUT TAKE YOUR LITTLE COSPLAY SESSION OUTSIDE, YEAH?
TWITCH

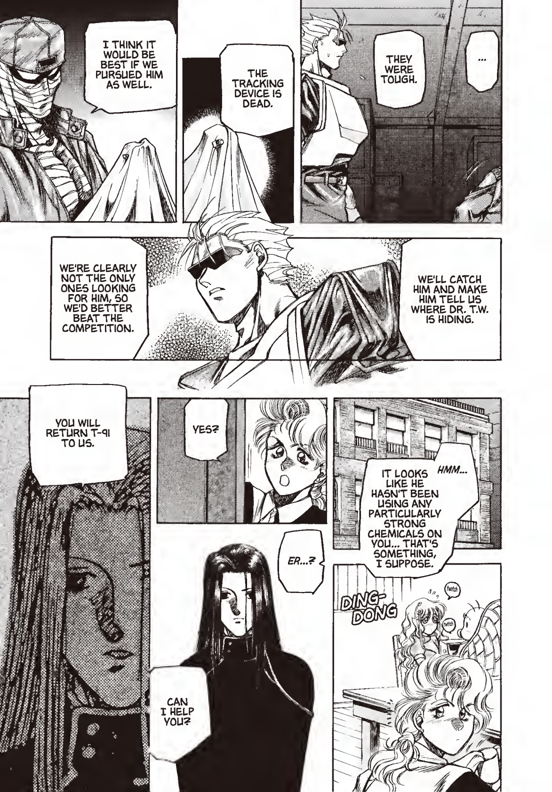

I WILL ONLY ASK ONCE.
DO YOU WORK FOR DR. T.W.?
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS. WE HAVE HIGHER STANDARDS THAN THAT.
UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU, THOUGH, THE MERE FACT THAT YOU KNOW HIS NAME IS ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU A PERSON OF INTEREST TO US.
WE CAN'T JUST LET YOU WALK OUT OF HERE.
READY!
SCOFF LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET OUR INFORMATION THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY.
READY!
TENSION

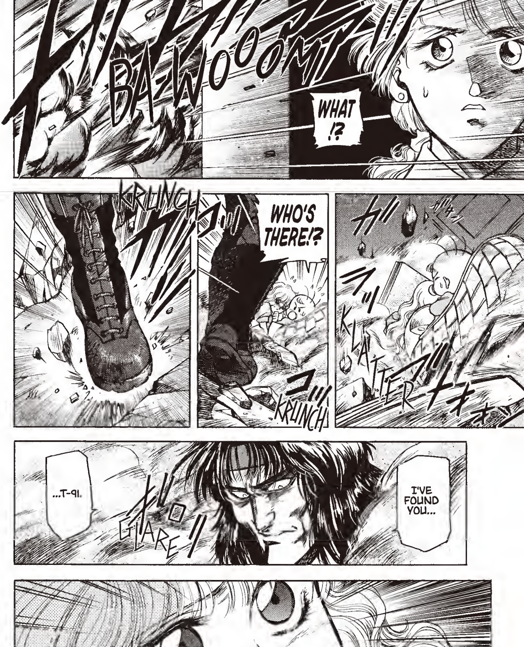

READY OR NOT!!
RUSH
WHISH
SLICE
!?
HIS FACE...
...LOOKS FAMILIAR ?
DOOM
HEY!
WOOSH
DODGE
KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE ACTION!!


YOU ARE MINE!
WOOOO
HM !?
READY
XWAM
OOFFT!!
FAP
IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE ANYONE POSED A CHALLENGE FOR US...
...
!
HE'S THE YOUNG MAN FROM THE OTHER DAY...!
JAB
FAM


RUSH
GRAB
WAM
WAK
...
READY


!
CAP! DR. T.W.'S AGENT IS GONE!!
SANDY!
DAMMIT! LAG, FAIBOS...
WE NEED TO FIND HIM!!
POINT
GRRR!!
ERT!!
I SUPPOSE YOU'VE LEARNED YOUR LESSON FOR TODAY!
BUT THE NEXT TIME WE MEET, YOU WON'T BE WALKING AWAY!!
DASH


...
THEY WERE TOUGH.
THE TRACKING DEVICE IS DEAD.
I THINK IT WOULD BE BEST IF WE PURSUED HIM AS WELL.
WE'LL CATCH HIM AND MAKE HIM TELL US WHERE DR. T.W. IS HIDING.
WE'RE CLEARLY NOT THE ONLY ONES LOOKING FOR HIM, SO WE'D BETTER BEAT THE COMPETITION.
HMM...
IT LOOKS LIKE HE HASN'T BEEN USING ANY PARTICULARLY STRONG CHEMICALS ON YOU... THAT'S SOMETHING, I SUPPOSE.
DING-DONG
twitch
twitch
YES?
ER...?
CAN I HELP YOU?
YOU WILL RETURN T-91 TO US.


BA-WOOOMP!!
WHAT !?
KLATTER
WHO'S THERE!?
KRUNCH
KRUNCH
I'VE FOUND YOU...
GLARE!!
...T-91.

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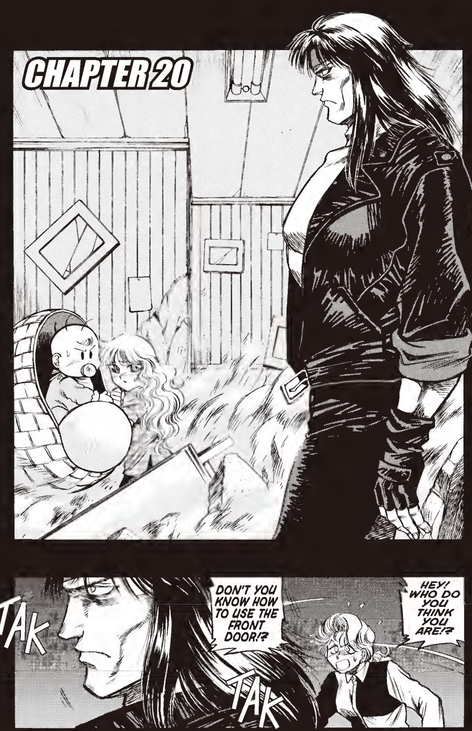
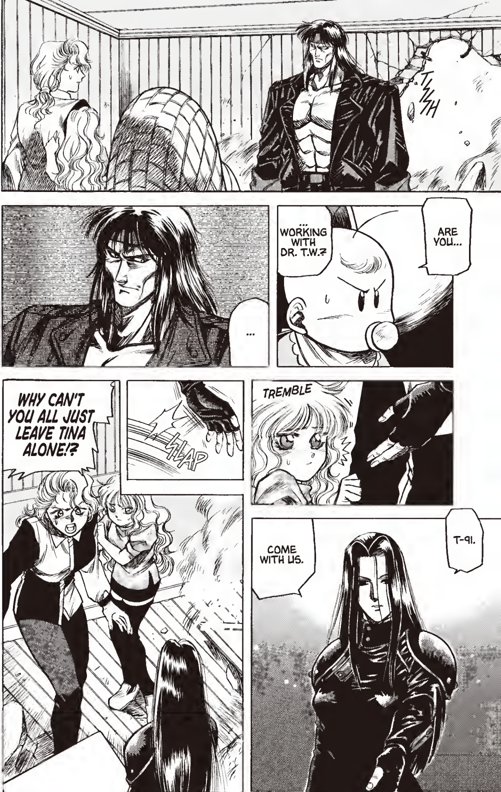
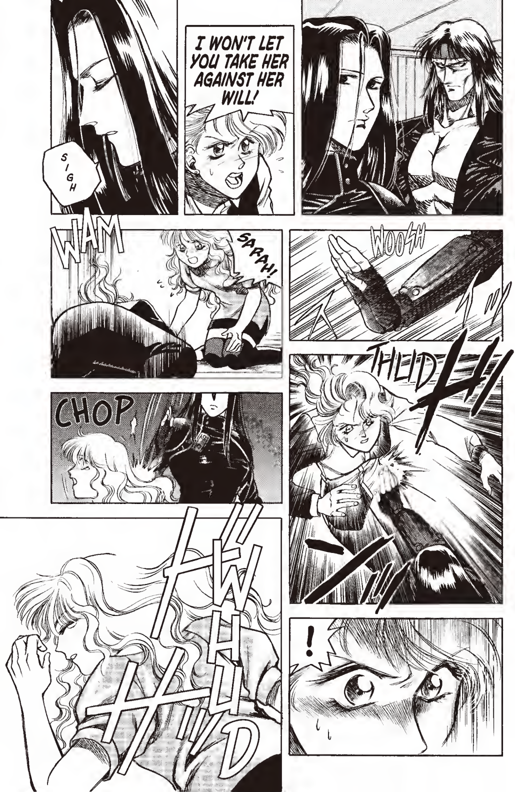
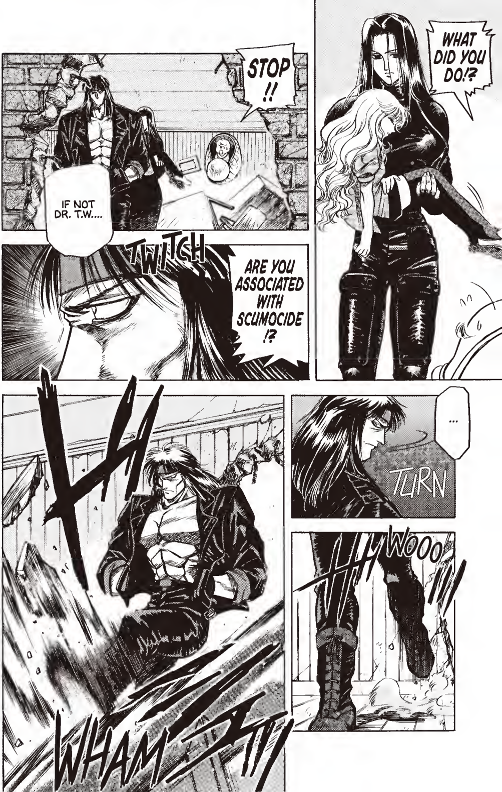
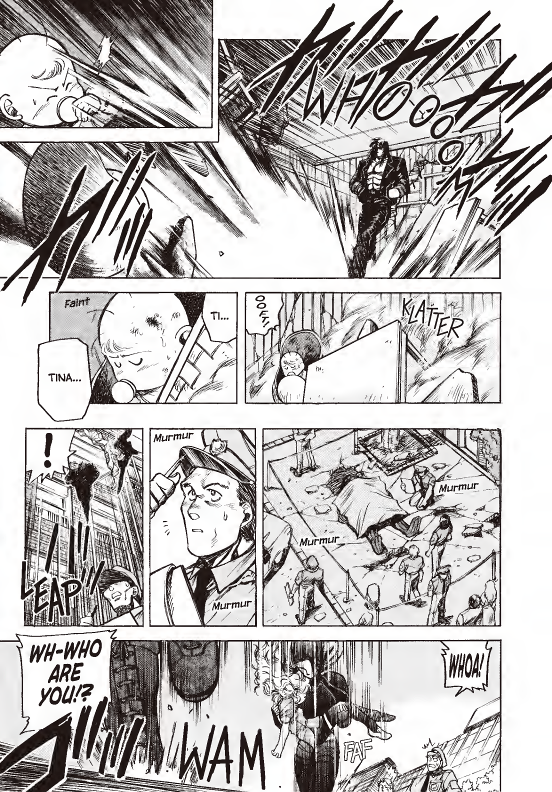
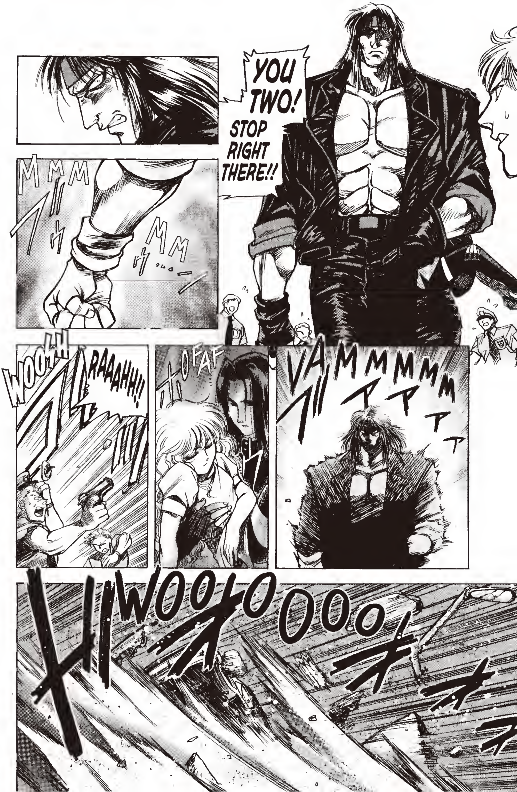

HEY! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE!?
DON'T YOU KNOW HOW TO USE THE FRONT DOOR!?
TAK
TAK

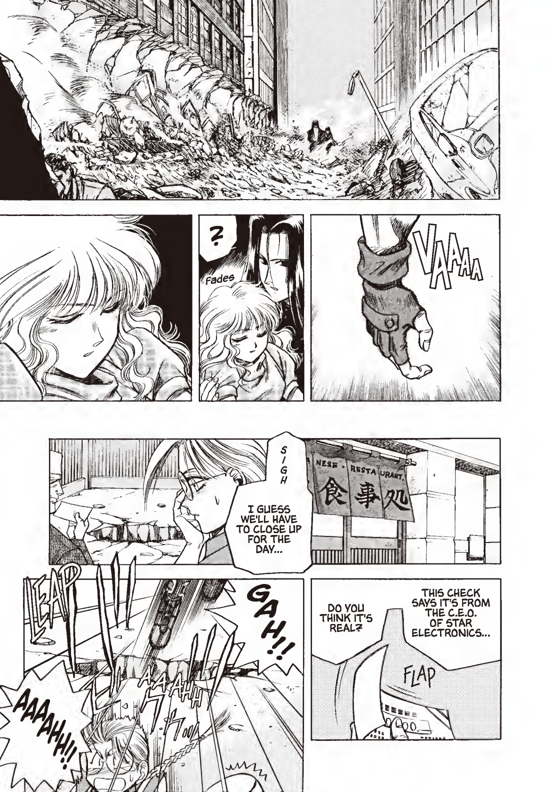

TSSH
ARE YOU...
... WORKING WITH DR. T.W.?
...
TREMBLE
SLAP
WHY CAN'T YOU ALL JUST LEAVE TINA ALONE!?
T-91.
COME WITH US.

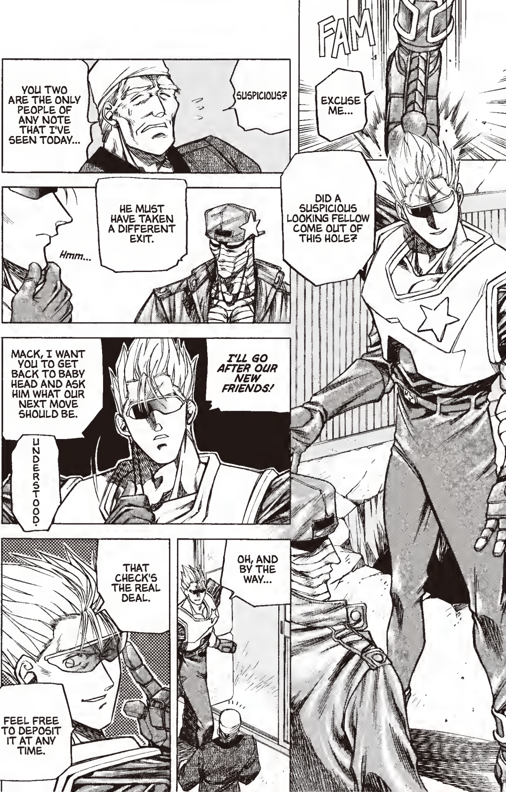

SIGH
I WON'T LET YOU TAKE HER AGAINST HER WILL!
WAM
SARAH!
WOOSH
CHOP
THUD
THWHUD
!

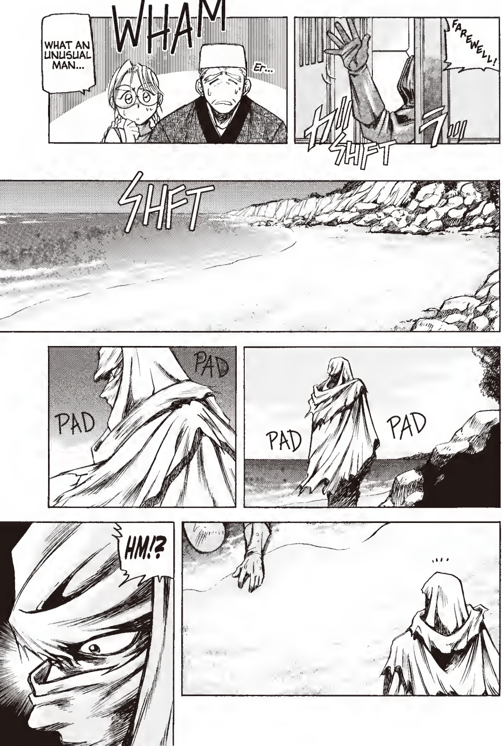

WHAT DID YOU DO!?
STOP !!
IF NOT DR. T.W....
TWITCH
ARE YOU ASSOCIATED WITH SCUMOCIDE !?
...
TURN
WOOO!!!
WHAM!!!

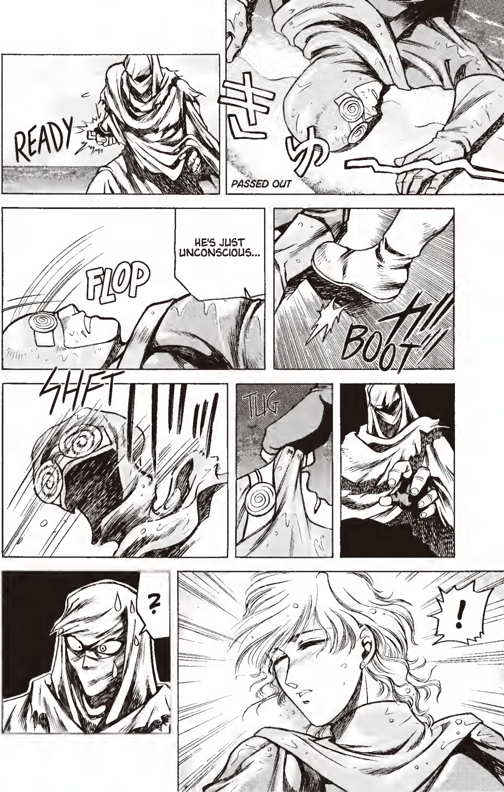

WHOOOOOM
KLATTER
OOF!
TI...
TINA...
Faint
Murmur
Murmur
Murmur
Murmur
!
LEAP
WHOA!
FAF
WAM
WH-WHO ARE YOU!?

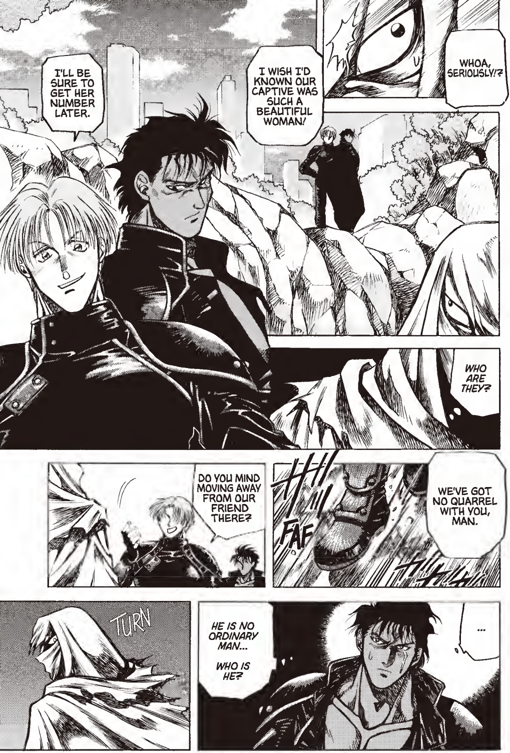

YOU TWO! STOP RIGHT THERE!!
MMM
MM
VAMMMMMM
OFAF
WOOHH
RAAAHH!!
WOOOOOOO

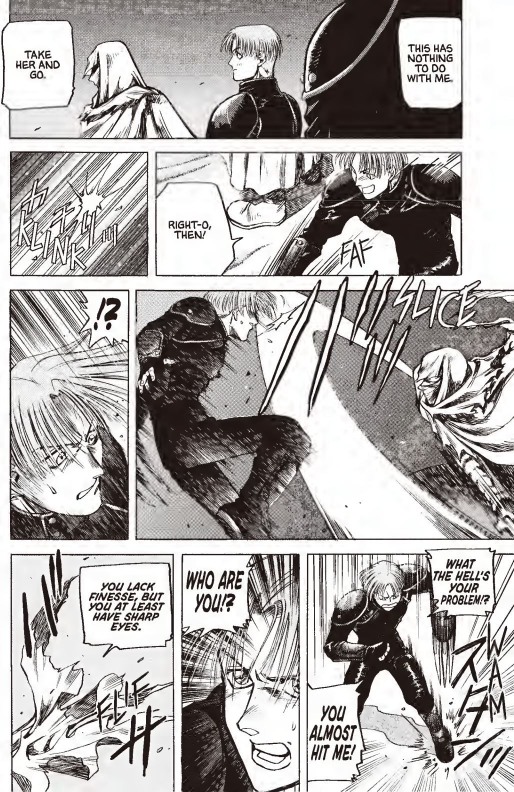

VAAAA
?
Fades
SIGH
I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO CLOSE UP FOR THE DAY...
NESE · RESTA URANT
食事処
THIS CHECK SAYS IT'S FROM THE C.E.O. OF STAR ELECTRONICS...
DO YOU THINK IT'S REAL?
FLAP
GAH!!
LEAP
AAAAHH
AAAAHH!!

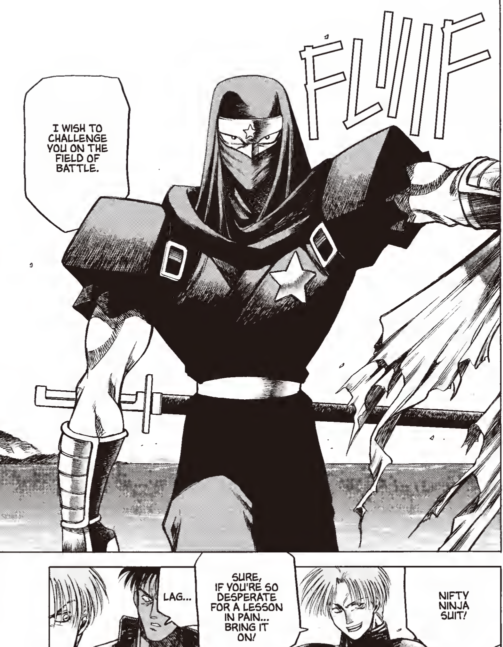

FAM
EXCUSE ME...
DID A SUSPICIOUS LOOKING FELLOW COME OUT OF THIS HOLE?
SUSPICIOUS?
YOU TWO ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE OF ANY NOTE THAT I'VE SEEN TODAY...
HE MUST HAVE TAKEN A DIFFERENT EXIT.
Hmm...
I'LL GO AFTER OUR NEW FRIENDS!
MACK, I WANT YOU TO GET BACK TO BABY HEAD AND ASK HIM WHAT OUR NEXT MOVE SHOULD BE.
UNDERSTOOD.
OH, AND BY THE WAY...
THAT CHECK'S THE REAL DEAL.
FEEL FREE TO DEPOSIT IT AT ANY TIME.

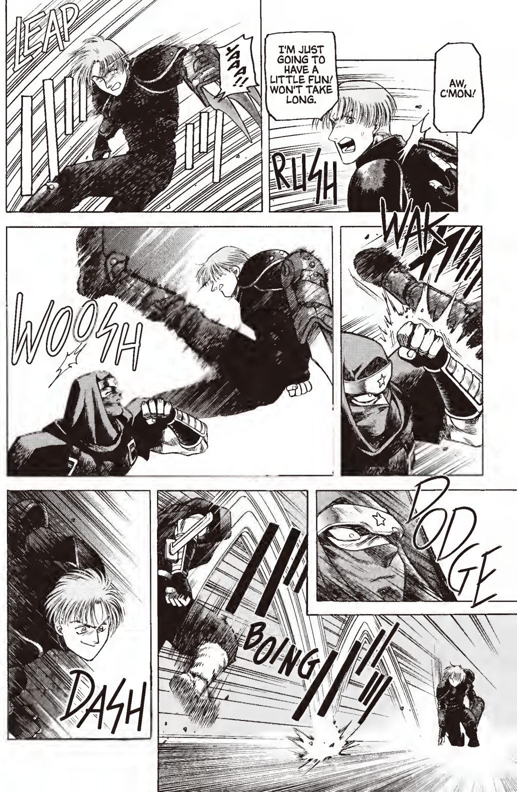

FAREWELL!
SHFT
WHAM
WHAT AN UNUSUAL MAN...
Er...
SHFT
PAD
PAD
PAD
PAD
...
HM!?

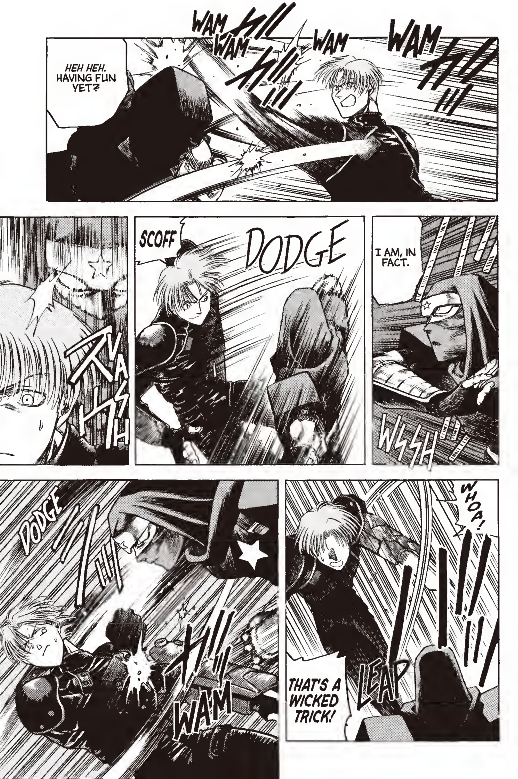

きゅ
PASSED OUT
READY
BOOT
HE'S JUST UNCONSCIOUS...
FLOP
TUG
SHFT
!
?

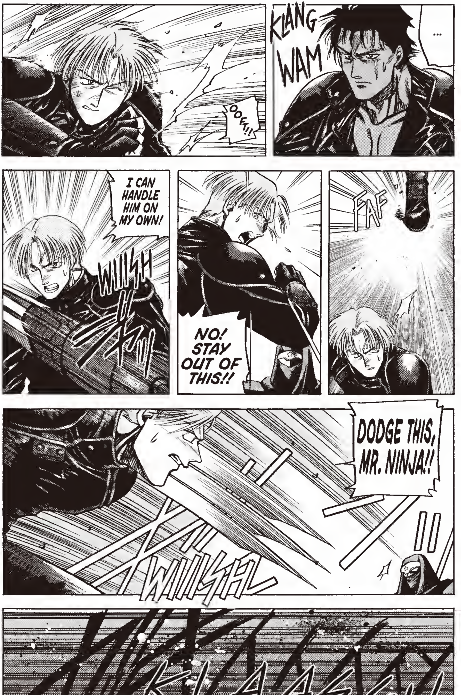

WHOA, SERIOUSLY!?
I WISH I'D KNOWN OUR CAPTIVE WAS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN!
I'LL BE SURE TO GET HER NUMBER LATER.
WHO ARE THEY?
WE'VE GOT NO QUARREL WITH YOU, MAN.
FAF
DO YOU MIND MOVING AWAY FROM OUR FRIEND THERE?
...
HE IS NO ORDINARY MAN...
WHO IS HE?
TURN

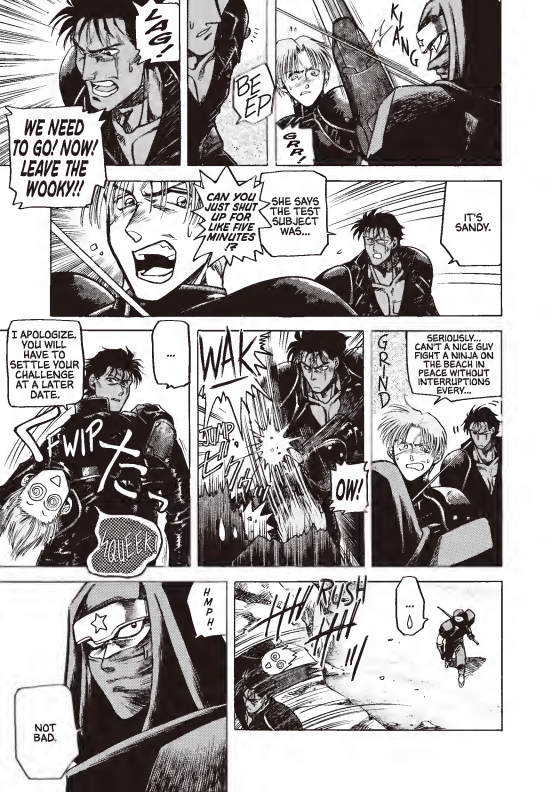

THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.
TAKE HER AND GO.
RIGHT-O, THEN!
FAF
KLINK
SLICE
!?
WHAT THE HELL'S YOUR PROBLEM!?
WAM
YOU ALMOST HIT ME!
WHO ARE YOU!?
YOU LACK FINESSE, BUT YOU AT LEAST HAVE SHARP EYES.
FLIF

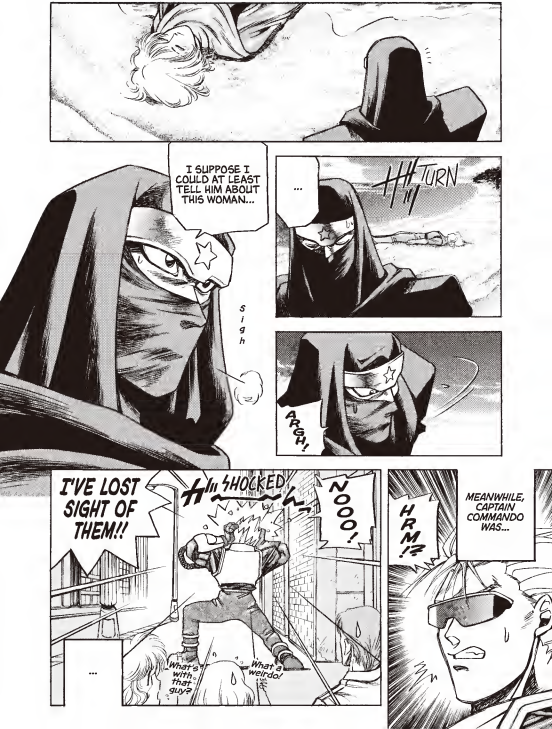

FLUIF
I WISH TO CHALLENGE YOU ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE.
NIFTY NINJA SUIT!
SURE, IF YOU'RE SO DESPERATE FOR A LESSON IN PAIN... BRING IT ON!
LAG...
FAF

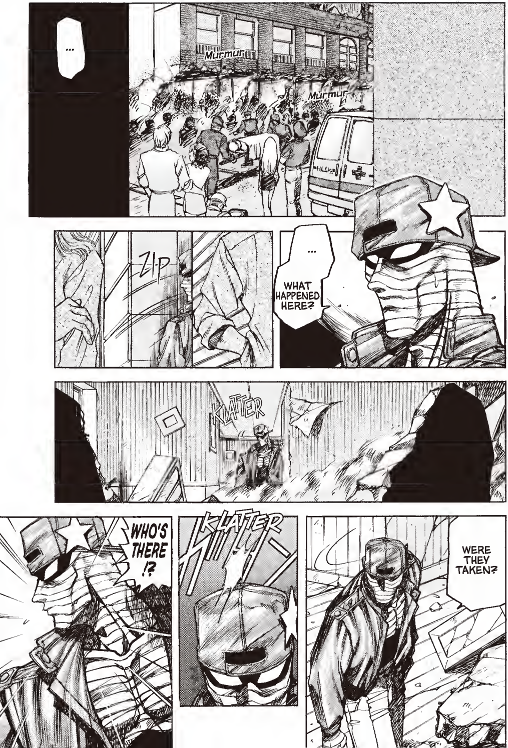

AW, C'MON!
I'M JUST GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE FUN! WON'T TAKE LONG.
RUSH
YAAA!!
LEAP
WAK
WOOSH
DODGE
BOING
DASH

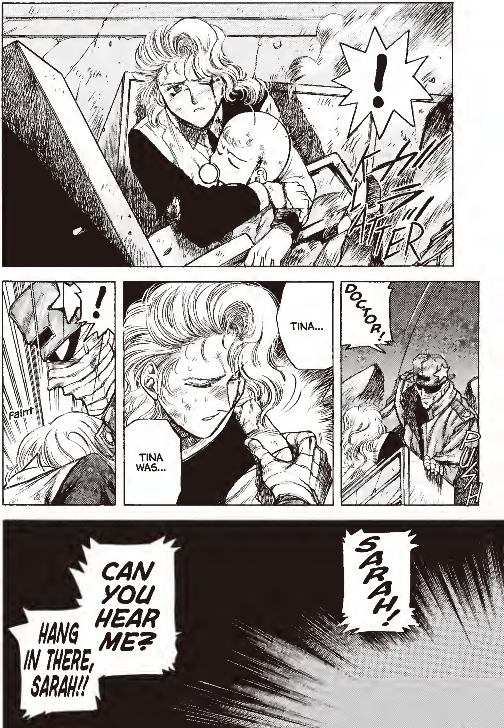

WAM
WAM
WAM
WAM
HEH HEH. HAVING FUN YET?
VASH
SCOFF
DODGE
I AM, IN FACT.
WSSH
DODGE
WAM
WHOA!
LEAP
THAT'S A WICKED TRICK!

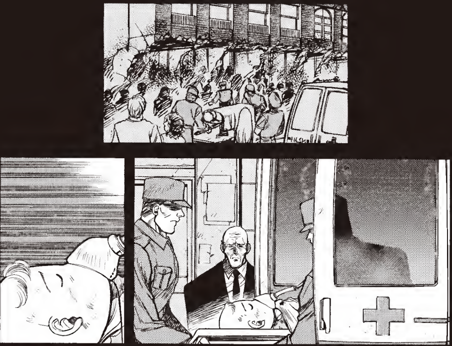

...
KLANG
WAM
OOF!!
FAF
NO! STAY OUT OF THIS!!
I CAN HANDLE HIM ON MY OWN!
WIIISH
DODGE THIS, MR. NINJA!!
WIIISH
KLAASSH


KLANG
GRR!
BEEP
LAG!
WE NEED TO GO! NOW! LEAVE THE WOOKY!!
IT'S SANDY.
SHE SAYS THE TEST SUBJECT WAS...
CAN YOU JUST SHUT UP FOR LIKE FIVE MINUTES!?
SERIOUSLY... CAN'T A NICE GUY FIGHT A NINJA ON THE BEACH IN PEACE WITHOUT INTERRUPTIONS EVERY...
GRIND
WAK
JUMP
ビクゥッ
OW!
...
I APOLOGIZE. YOU WILL HAVE TO SETTLE YOUR CHALLENGE AT A LATER DATE.
FWIP
たっ
SQUEEK!
...
RUSH
HMPH.
NOT BAD.


...
TURN
I SUPPOSE I COULD AT LEAST TELL HIM ABOUT THIS WOMAN...
Sigh
ARGH!
MEANWHILE, CAPTAIN COMMANDO WAS...
HRM!?
NOOO!
SHOCKED
I'VE LOST SIGHT OF THEM!!
What a weirdo!
What's with that guy?
...


...
Murmur
Murmur
ZIP
...
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
KLATTER
WHO'S THERE !?
KLATTER
WERE THEY TAKEN?


!
ガシャ!!
ATTER
DOCTOR!
PUSH
TINA...
TINA WAS...
!
Faint
SARAH!
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
HANG IN THERE, SARAH!!



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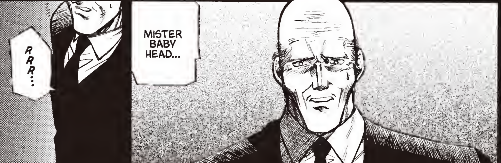
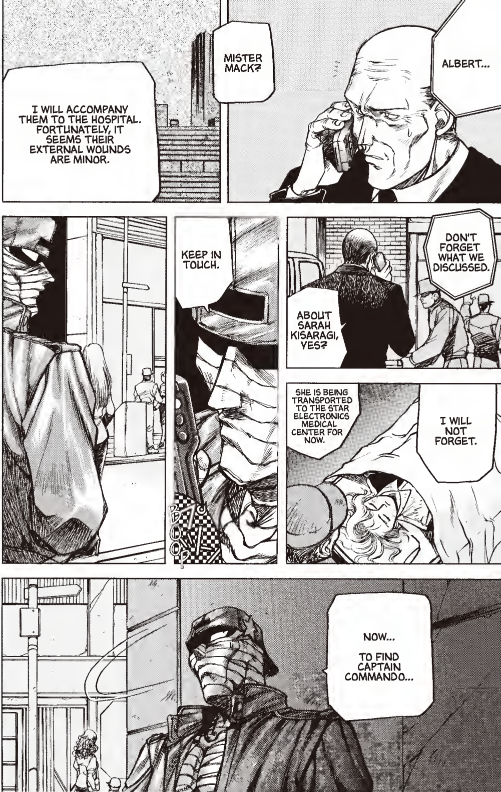
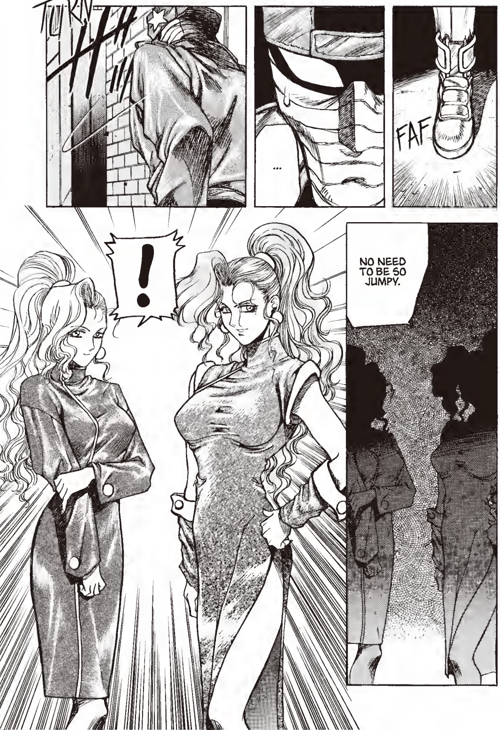
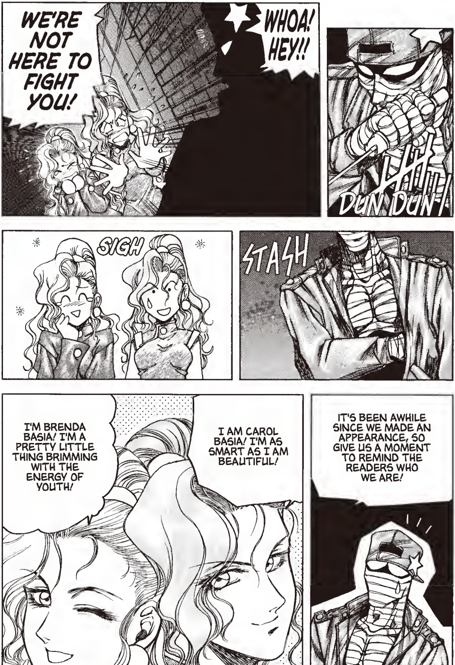
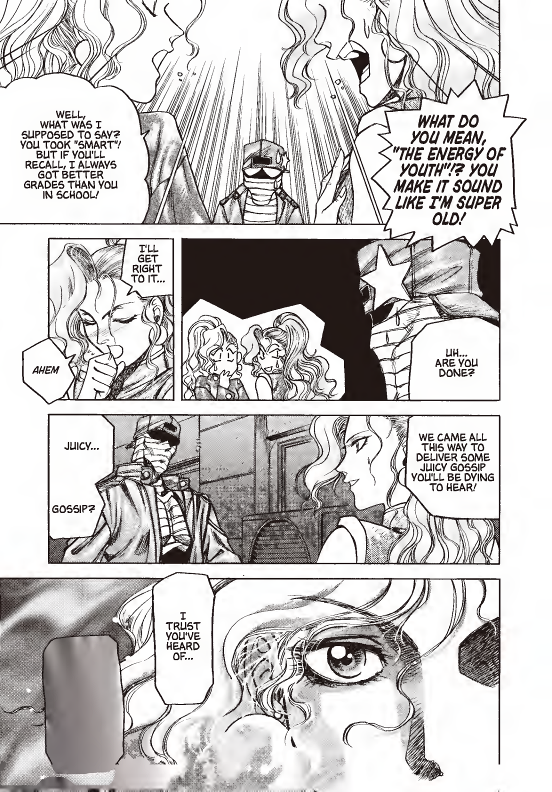
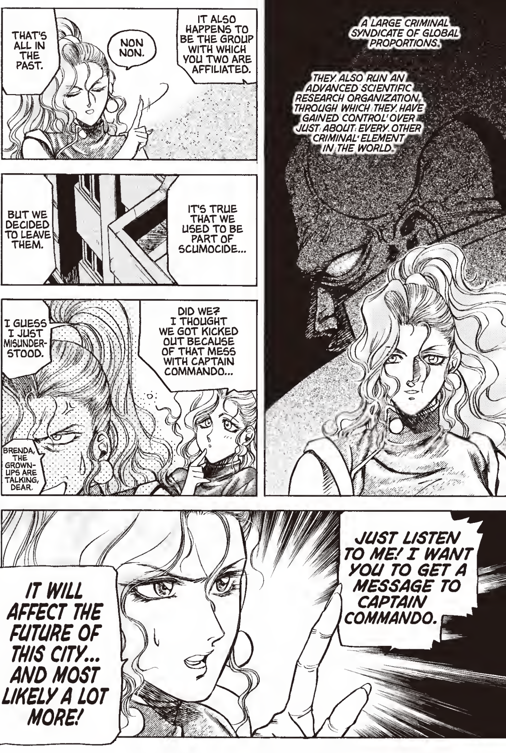

MISTER BABY HEAD...
RRR...

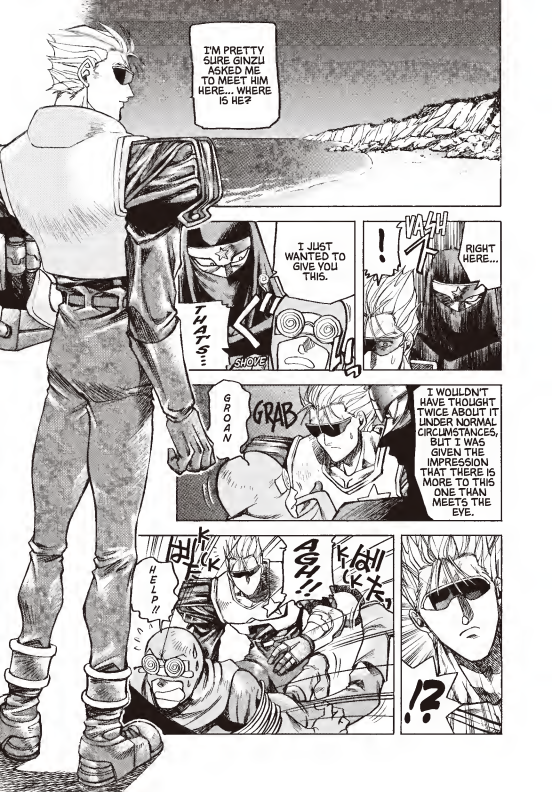

ALBERT...
MISTER MACK?
I WILL ACCOMPANY THEM TO THE HOSPITAL. FORTUNATELY, IT SEEMS THEIR EXTERNAL WOUNDS ARE MINOR.
DON'T FORGET WHAT WE DISCUSSED.
ABOUT SARAH KISARAGI, YES?
I WILL NOT FORGET.
SHE IS BEING TRANSPORTED TO THE STAR ELECTRONICS MEDICAL CENTER FOR NOW.
KEEP IN TOUCH.
BBOOP
NOW... TO FIND CAPTAIN COMMANDO...

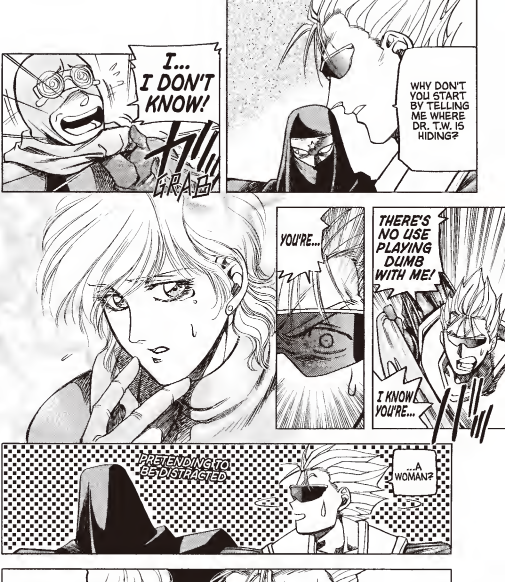

FAF
...
T-U-R-N
NO NEED TO BE SO JUMPY.
!

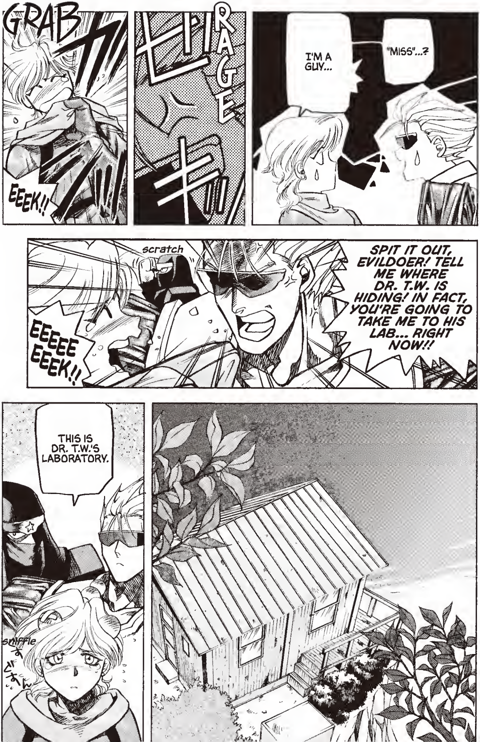

DUN DUN!
WHOA! HEY!!
WE'RE NOT HERE TO FIGHT YOU!
STASH
SIGH
IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE WE MADE AN APPEARANCE, SO GIVE US A MOMENT TO REMIND THE READERS WHO WE ARE!
I AM CAROL BASIA! I'M AS SMART AS I AM BEAUTIFUL!
I'M BRENDA BASIA! I'M A PRETTY LITTLE THING BRIMMING WITH THE ENERGY OF YOUTH!

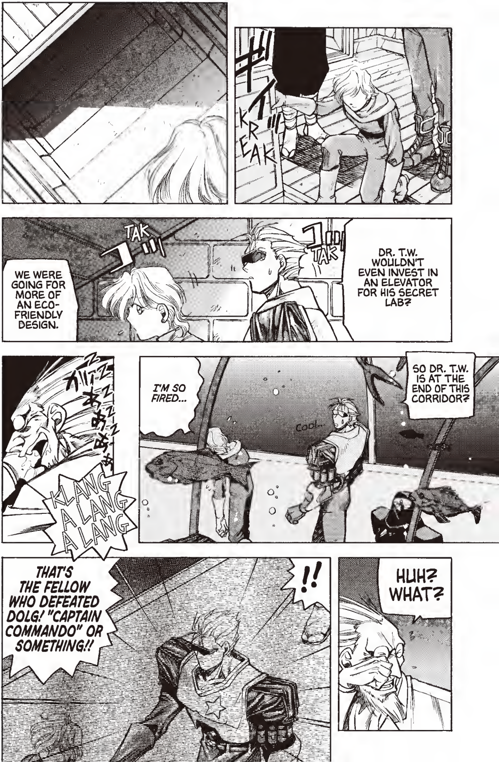

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "THE ENERGY OF YOUTH"!? YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE I'M SUPER OLD!
WELL, WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO SAY? YOU TOOK "SMART"! BUT IF YOU'LL RECALL, I ALWAYS GOT BETTER GRADES THAN YOU IN SCHOOL!
UH... ARE YOU DONE?
AHEM
I'LL GET RIGHT TO IT...
WE CAME ALL THIS WAY TO DELIVER SOME JUICY GOSSIP YOU'LL BE DYING TO HEAR!
JUICY...
GOSSIP?
I TRUST YOU'VE HEARD OF...
[redacted]

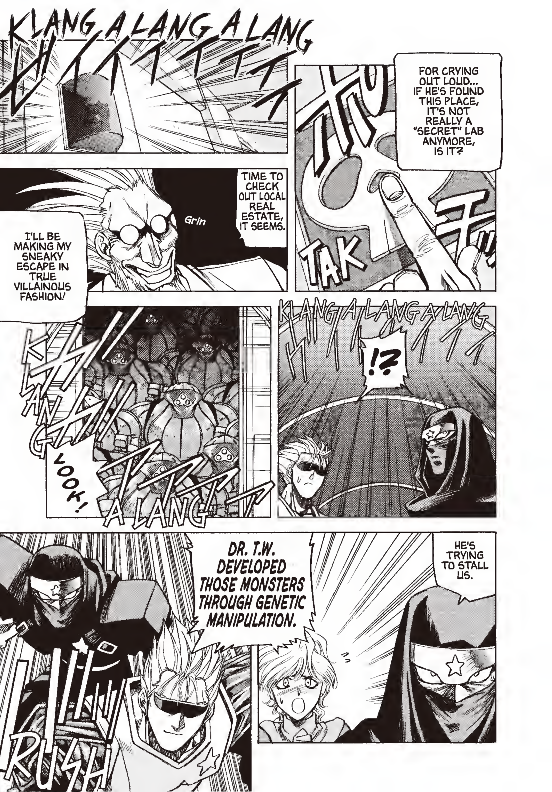

A LARGE CRIMINAL SYNDICATE OF GLOBAL PROPORTIONS.
THEY ALSO RUN AN ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ORGANIZATION, THROUGH WHICH THEY HAVE GAINED CONTROL OVER JUST ABOUT EVERY OTHER CRIMINAL ELEMENT IN THE WORLD.
IT ALSO HAPPENS TO BE THE GROUP WITH WHICH YOU TWO ARE AFFILIATED.
NON NON.
THAT'S ALL IN THE PAST.
IT'S TRUE THAT WE USED TO BE PART OF SCUMOCIDE...
BUT WE DECIDED TO LEAVE THEM.
DID WE? I THOUGHT WE GOT KICKED OUT BECAUSE OF THAT MESS WITH CAPTAIN COMMANDO...
I GUESS I JUST MISUNDERSTOOD.
BRENDA, THE GROWN-UPS ARE TALKING, DEAR.
JUST LISTEN TO ME! I WANT YOU TO GET A MESSAGE TO CAPTAIN COMMANDO.
IT WILL AFFECT THE FUTURE OF THIS CITY... AND MOST LIKELY A LOT MORE!

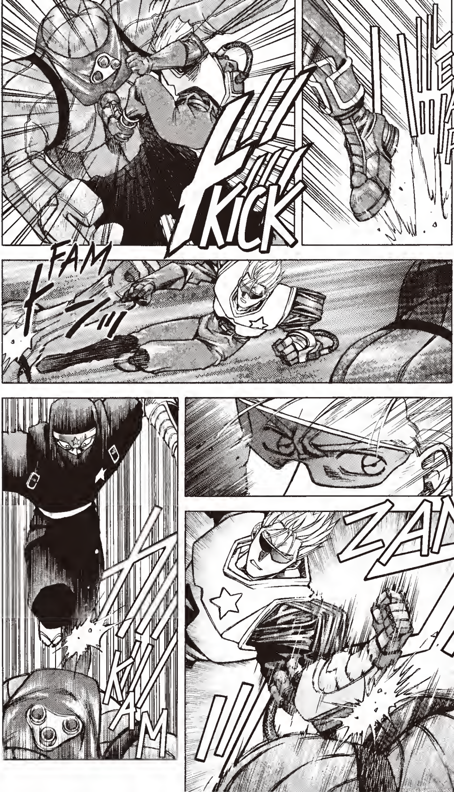

I'M PRETTY SURE GINZU ASKED ME TO MEET HIM HERE... WHERE IS HE?
VASH
!
RIGHT HERE...
I JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU THIS.
THAT'S...
SHOVE
I WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT TWICE ABOUT IT UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT I WAS GIVEN THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE IS MORE TO THIS ONE THAN MEETS THE EYE.
GRAB
GROAN
!?
KICK
AGH!!
KICK
HELP!!

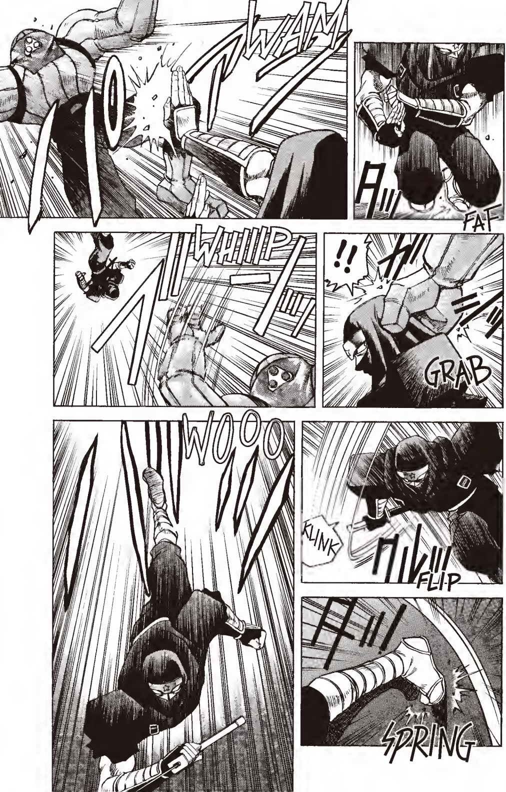

WHY DON'T YOU START BY TELLING ME WHERE DR. T.W. IS HIDING?
I... I DON'T KNOW!
カ
GRAB
THERE'S NO USE PLAYING DUMB WITH ME!
I KNOW YOU'RE...
YOU'RE...
...A WOMAN?
PRETENDING TO BE DISTRACTED
ER... I APOLOGIZE FOR MY BRUTISH BEHAVIOR, MISS.
JUST TO CONFIRM... YOU ARE WORKING FOR DR. T.W., YES?

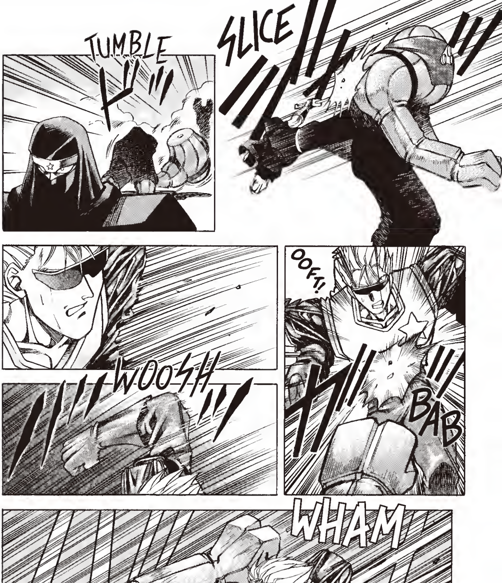

"MISS"...?
I'M A GUY...
RAGE
ピキッ
GRAB
EEEK!!
SPIT IT OUT, EVILDOER! TELL ME WHERE DR. T.W. IS HIDING! IN FACT, YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE ME TO HIS LAB... RIGHT NOW!!
scratch
EEEEEE EEEK!!
THIS IS DR. T.W.'S LABORATORY.
sniffle
すぐすん

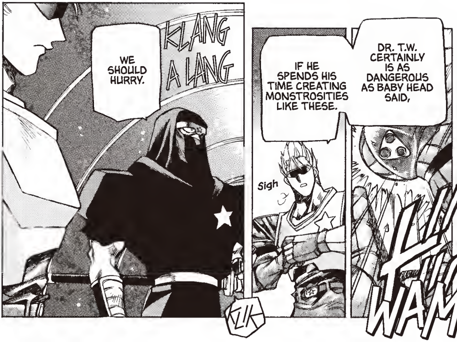

ギイ
KREAK
DR. T.W. WOULDN'T EVEN INVEST IN AN ELEVATOR FOR HIS SECRET LAB?
TAK
TAK
WE WERE GOING FOR MORE OF AN ECO-FRIENDLY DESIGN.
SO DR. T.W. IS AT THE END OF THIS CORRIDOR?
Cool...
I'M SO FIRED...
KLANG A LANG A LANG
HUH? WHAT?
!!
THAT'S THE FELLOW WHO DEFEATED DOLG! "CAPTAIN COMMANDO" OR SOMETHING!!

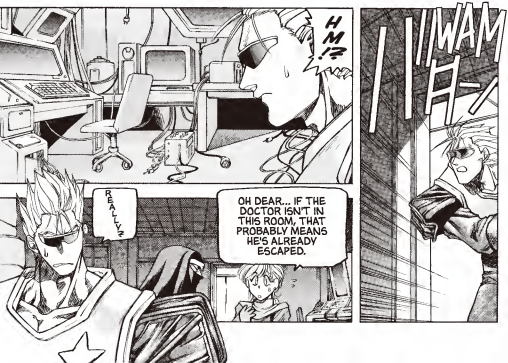

FOR CRYING OUT LOUD... IF HE'S FOUND THIS PLACE, IT'S NOT REALLY A "SECRET" LAB ANYMORE, IS IT?
TAK
KLANG A LANG A LANG
TIME TO CHECK OUT LOCAL REAL ESTATE, IT SEEMS.
Grin
I'LL BE MAKING MY SNEAKY ESCAPE IN TRUE VILLAINOUS FASHION!
KLANG A LANG A LANG
!?
KLANG
LOOK!
A LANG
HE'S TRYING TO STALL US.
DR. T.W. DEVELOPED THOSE MONSTERS THROUGH GENETIC MANIPULATION.
RUSH

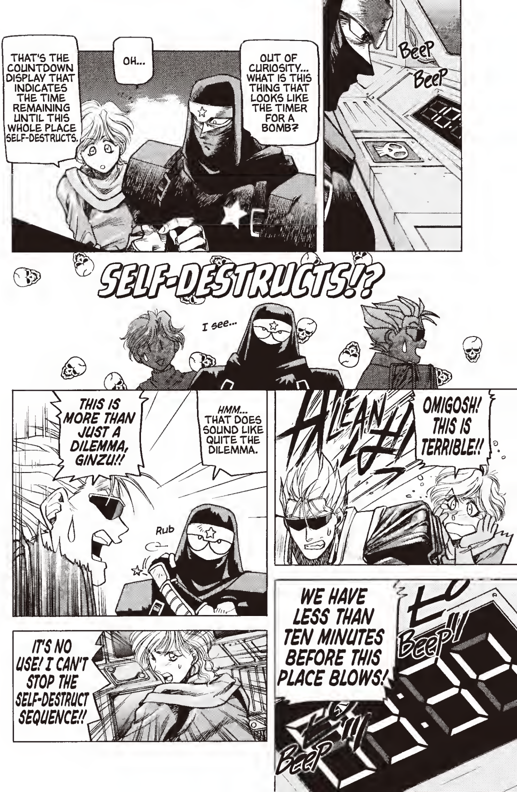

LEAP
KICK
FAM
ZAM
KAM

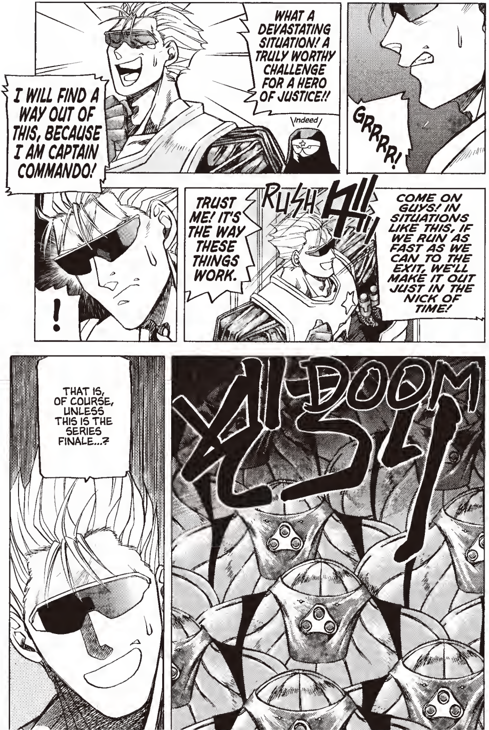

FAF
WHAM
!!
GRAB
WHIIIP
KLINK
FLIP
SPRING
WOOO

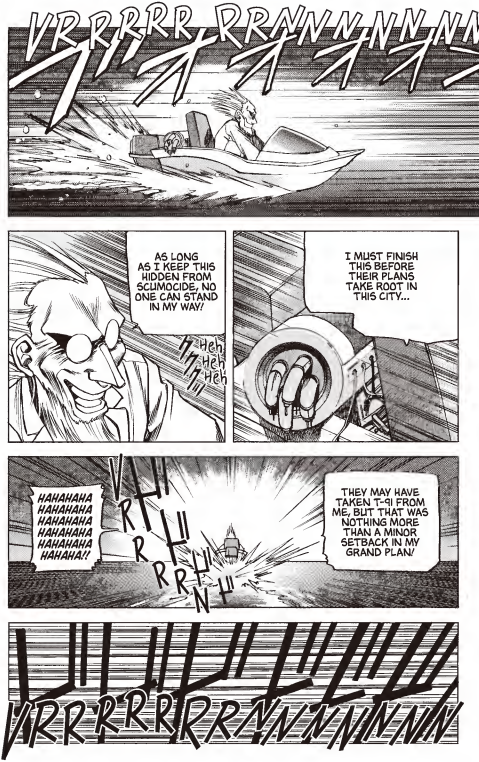

SLICE
TUMBLE
ド
OOF!
BAB
WOOSH
WHAM

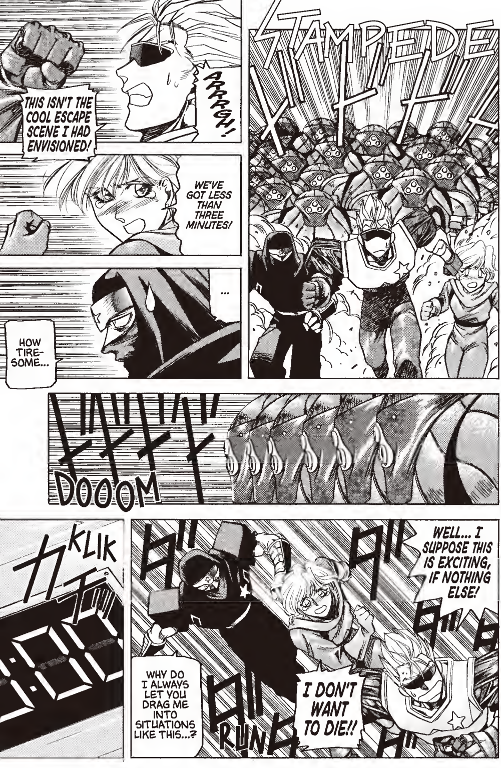

DR. T.W. CERTAINLY IS AS DANGEROUS AS BABY HEAD SAID,
IF HE SPENDS HIS TIME CREATING MONSTROSITIES LIKE THESE.
FLU FLU WAM
Sigh
KLANG A LANG
WE SHOULD HURRY.
TUK

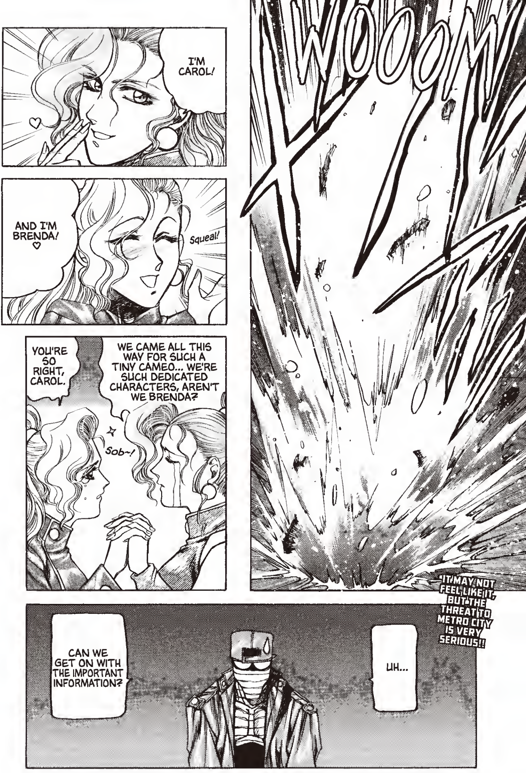

WAM
HM!?
OH DEAR... IF THE DOCTOR ISN'T IN THIS ROOM, THAT PROBABLY MEANS HE'S ALREADY ESCAPED.
REALLY?


Beep
Beep
OUT OF CURIOSITY... WHAT IS THIS THING THAT LOOKS LIKE THE TIMER FOR A BOMB?
OH...
THAT'S THE COUNTDOWN DISPLAY THAT INDICATES THE TIME REMAINING UNTIL THIS WHOLE PLACE SELF-DESTRUCTS.
SELF-DESTRUCTS!?
I see...
OMIGOSH! THIS IS TERRIBLE!!
HMM... THAT DOES SOUND LIKE QUITE THE DILEMMA.
THIS IS MORE THAN JUST A DILEMMA, GINZU!!
Rub
WE HAVE LESS THAN TEN MINUTES BEFORE THIS PLACE BLOWS!
Beep!!
Beep
IT'S NO USE! I CAN'T STOP THE SELF-DESTRUCT SEQUENCE!!


GRRRR!
WHAT A DEVASTATING SITUATION! A TRULY WORTHY CHALLENGE FOR A HERO OF JUSTICE!!
Indeed
I WILL FIND A WAY OUT OF THIS, BECAUSE I AM CAPTAIN COMMANDO!
COME ON GUYS! IN SITUATIONS LIKE THIS, IF WE RUN AS FAST AS WE CAN TO THE EXIT, WE'LL MAKE IT OUT JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME!
RUSH!!
TRUST ME! IT'S THE WAY THESE THINGS WORK.
!
KA-DOOM!!
THAT IS, OF COURSE, UNLESS THIS IS THE SERIES FINALE...?


VRRRRR RRRNNNNNNNN
I MUST FINISH THIS BEFORE THEIR PLANS TAKE ROOT IN THIS CITY...
AS LONG AS I KEEP THIS HIDDEN FROM SCUMOCIDE, NO ONE CAN STAND IN MY WAY!
Heh Heh Heh
THEY MAY HAVE TAKEN T-91 FROM ME, BUT THAT WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A MINOR SETBACK IN MY GRAND PLAN!
VRRRRRN
HAHAHAHA HAHAHAHA HAHAHAHA HAHAHAHA HAHAHAHA HAHAHA!!
VRRRRRRRRNNNNNNNNN


STAMPEDE
ARRRGH!
THIS ISN'T THE COOL ESCAPE SCENE I HAD ENVISIONED!
WE'VE GOT LESS THAN THREE MINUTES!
...
HOW TIRESOME...
DOOOM
WELL... I SUPPOSE THIS IS EXCITING, IF NOTHING ELSE!
I DON'T WANT TO DIE!!
WHY DO I ALWAYS LET YOU DRAG ME INTO SITUATIONS LIKE THIS...?
RUN
KLIK


WOOOM
I'M CAROL! ♡
AND I'M BRENDA! ♡
Squeal!
WE CAME ALL THIS WAY FOR SUCH A TINY CAMEO... WE'RE SUCH DEDICATED CHARACTERS, AREN'T WE BRENDA?
YOU'RE SO RIGHT, CAROL.
Sob~!
UH...
CAN WE GET ON WITH THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION?

*IT MAY NOT FEEL LIKE IT, BUT THE THREAT TO METRO CITY IS VERY SERIOUS!!

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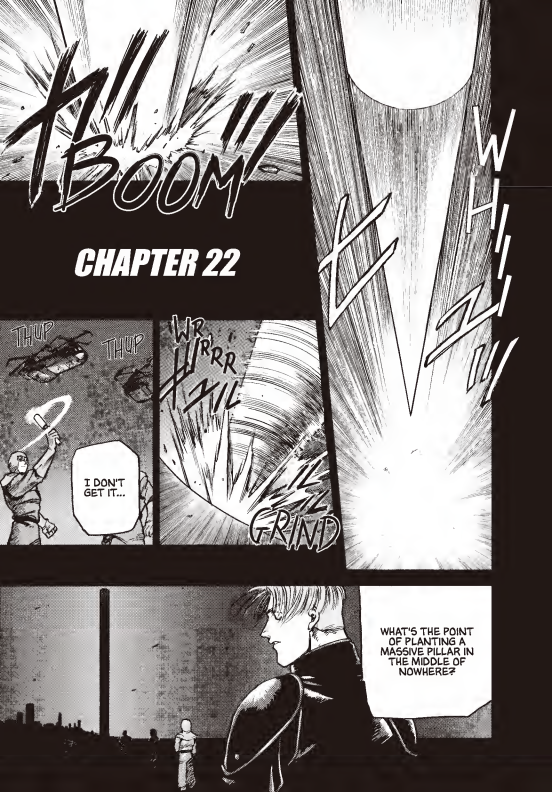
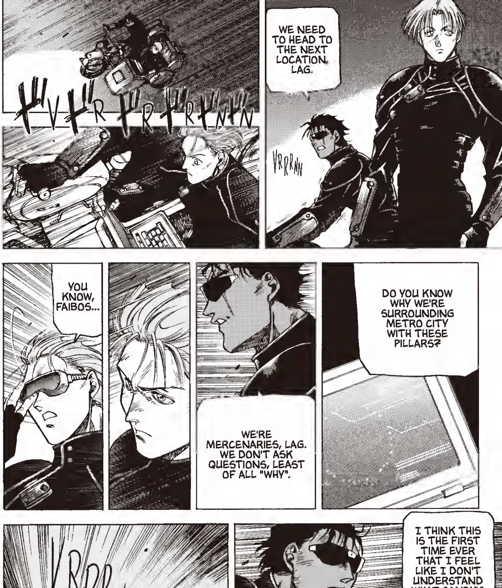
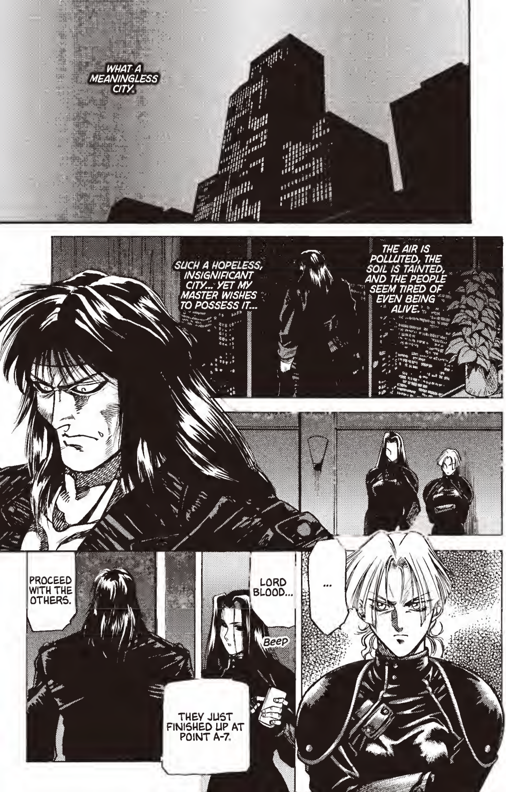
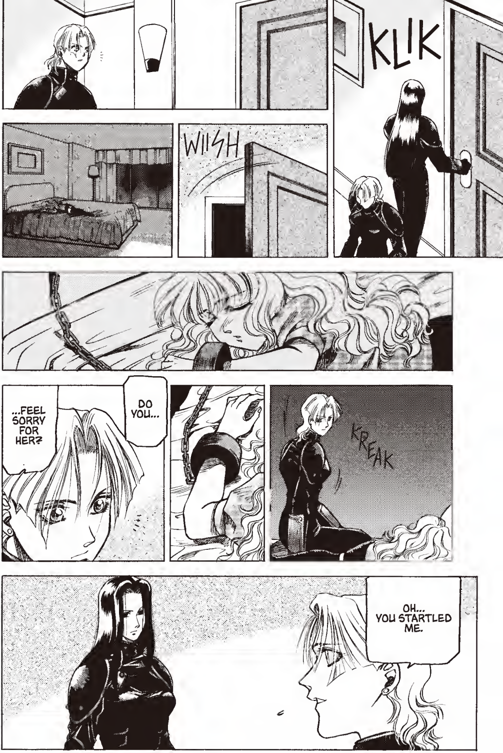
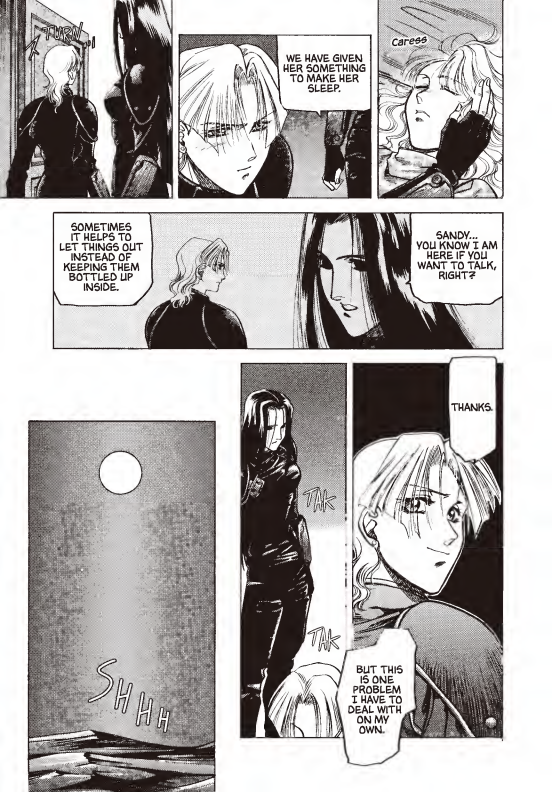
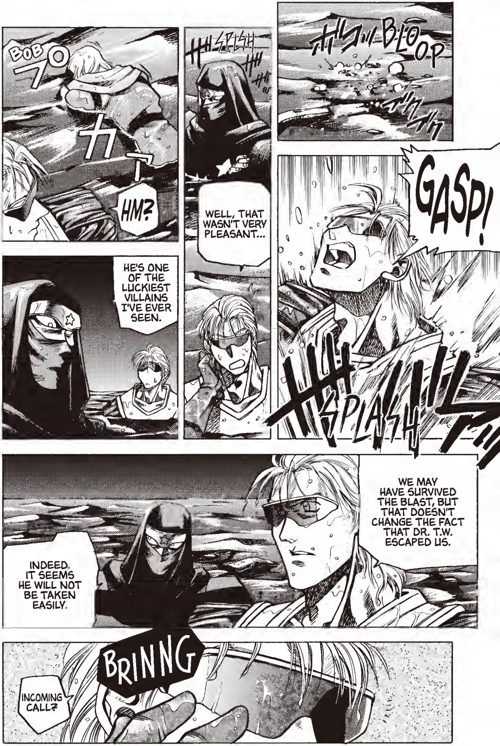

WHIIIN
BOOM
WRRRR
GRIND
THUP
THUP
I DON'T GET IT...
WHAT'S THE POINT OF PLANTING A MASSIVE PILLAR IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE?

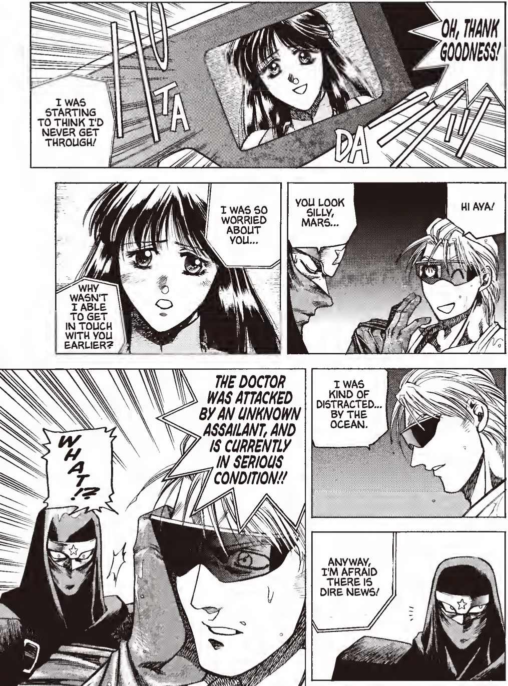

VRRRNN
WE NEED TO HEAD TO THE NEXT LOCATION, LAG.
VRRRNN
YOU KNOW, FAIBOS...
DO YOU KNOW WHY WE'RE SURROUNDING METRO CITY WITH THESE PILLARS?
WE'RE MERCENARIES, LAG. WE DON'T ASK QUESTIONS, LEAST OF ALL "WHY".
VRRRNN
WHY DID SANDY ACCEPT THIS CONTRACT?
SCUMOCIDE IS... WELL, THEY'RE NOT THE KIND OF PEOPLE YOU CAN TAKE LIGHTLY. THEY'RE IN A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEAGUE FROM THE MINOR CRIMINALS WE'VE WORKED FOR IN THE PAST.
I THINK THIS IS THE FIRST TIME EVER THAT I FEEL LIKE I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT SANDY'S THINKING.
VRRRNN

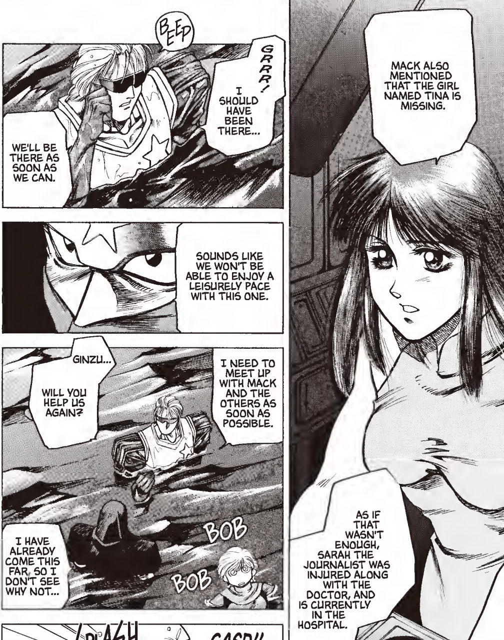

WHAT A MEANINGLESS CITY.
THE AIR IS POLLUTED, THE SOIL IS TAINTED, AND THE PEOPLE SEEM TIRED OF EVEN BEING ALIVE.
SUCH A HOPELESS, INSIGNIFICANT CITY... YET MY MASTER WISHES TO POSSESS IT...
...
LORD BLOOD...
Beep
THEY JUST FINISHED UP AT POINT A-7.
PROCEED WITH THE OTHERS.

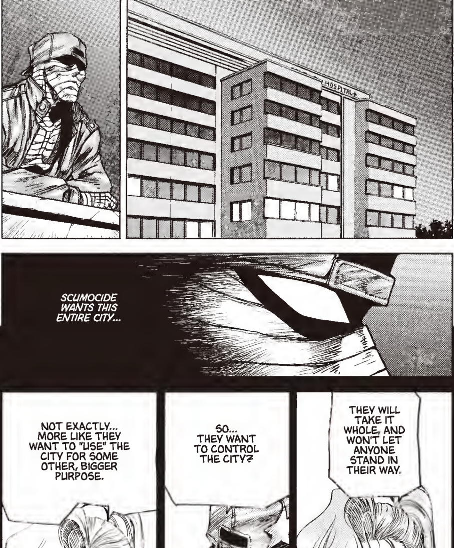

KLIK
WIISH
KREAK
DO YOU...
...FEEL SORRY FOR HER?
OH... YOU STARTLED ME.

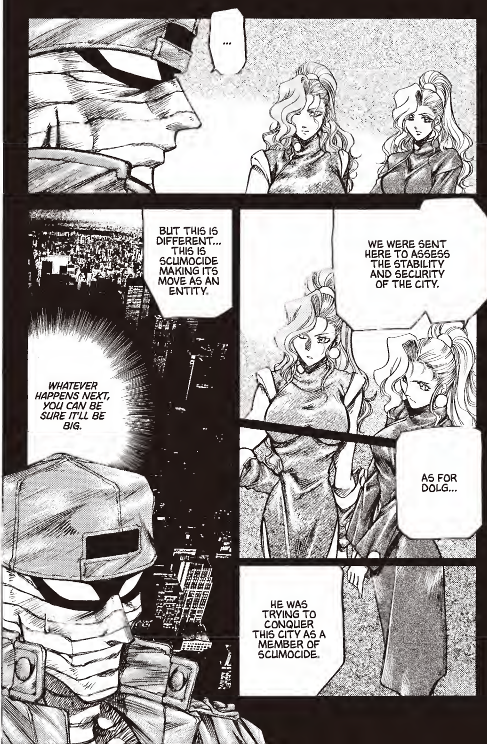

TURN
WE HAVE GIVEN HER SOMETHING TO MAKE HER SLEEP.
Caress
SANDY... YOU KNOW I AM HERE IF YOU WANT TO TALK, RIGHT?
SOMETIMES IT HELPS TO LET THINGS OUT INSTEAD OF KEEPING THEM BOTTLED UP INSIDE.
THANKS.
TAK
TAK
BUT THIS IS ONE PROBLEM I HAVE TO DEAL WITH ON MY OWN.
SHHH

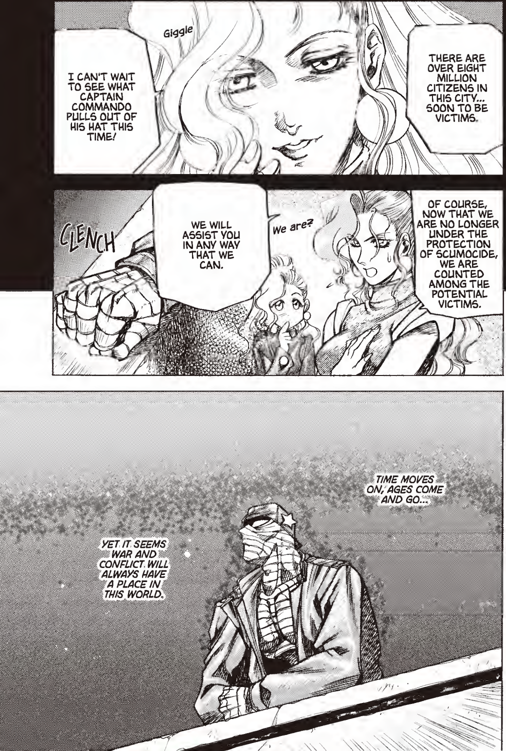

BLOOP
SPLASH
WELL, THAT WASN'T VERY PLEASANT...
BOB
HM?
GASP!
SPLASH
HE'S ONE OF THE LUCKIEST VILLAINS I'VE EVER SEEN.
WE MAY HAVE SURVIVED THE BLAST, BUT THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT DR. T.W. ESCAPED US.
INDEED. IT SEEMS HE WILL NOT BE TAKEN EASILY.
BRINNG
INCOMING CALL?

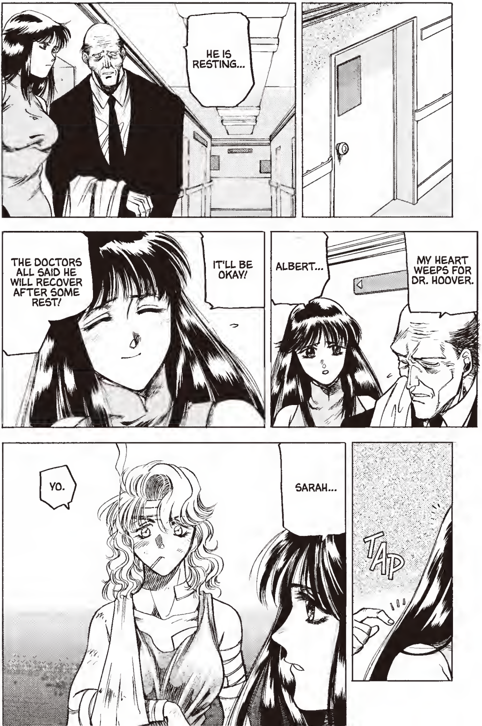

OH, THANK GOODNESS!
DA
TA
I WAS STARTING TO THINK I'D NEVER GET THROUGH!
HI AYA!
YOU LOOK SILLY, MARS...
I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU...
WHY WASN'T I ABLE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU EARLIER?
I WAS KIND OF DISTRACTED... BY THE OCEAN.
ANYWAY, I'M AFRAID THERE IS DIRE NEWS!
THE DOCTOR WAS ATTACKED BY AN UNKNOWN ASSAILANT, AND IS CURRENTLY IN SERIOUS CONDITION!!
WHAT!?

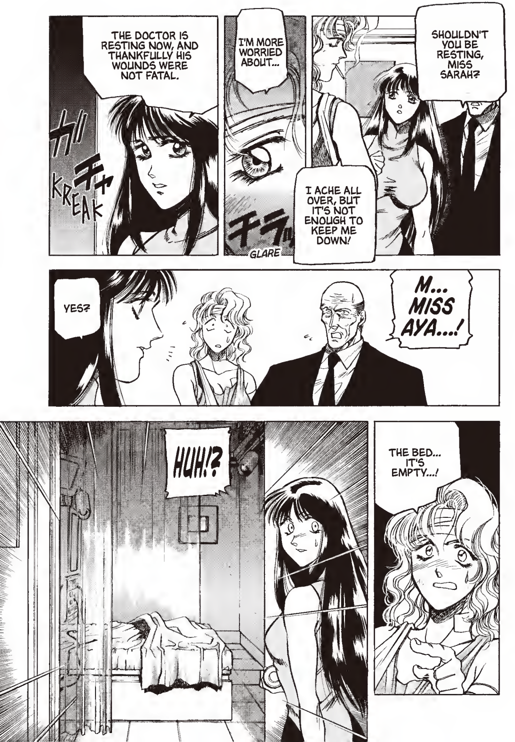

MACK ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE GIRL NAMED TINA IS MISSING.
AS IF THAT WASN'T ENOUGH, SARAH THE JOURNALIST WAS INJURED ALONG WITH THE DOCTOR, AND IS CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL.
BEEP
GRRR!
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE...
WE'LL BE THERE AS SOON AS WE CAN.
SOUNDS LIKE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO ENJOY A LEISURELY PACE WITH THIS ONE.
I NEED TO MEET UP WITH MACK AND THE OTHERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
GINZU...
WILL YOU HELP US AGAIN?
I HAVE ALREADY COME THIS FAR, SO I DON'T SEE WHY NOT...
BOB
BOB
GASP!! WHERE AM I!?
SPLASH

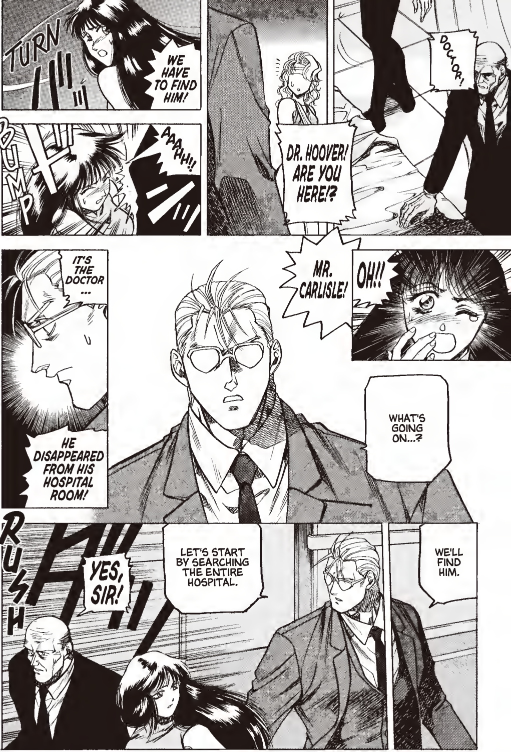

HOSPITAL
SCUMOCIDE WANTS THIS ENTIRE CITY...
THEY WILL TAKE IT WHOLE, AND WON'T LET ANYONE STAND IN THEIR WAY.
SO... THEY WANT TO CONTROL THE CITY?
NOT EXACTLY... MORE LIKE THEY WANT TO "USE" THE CITY FOR SOME OTHER, BIGGER PURPOSE.

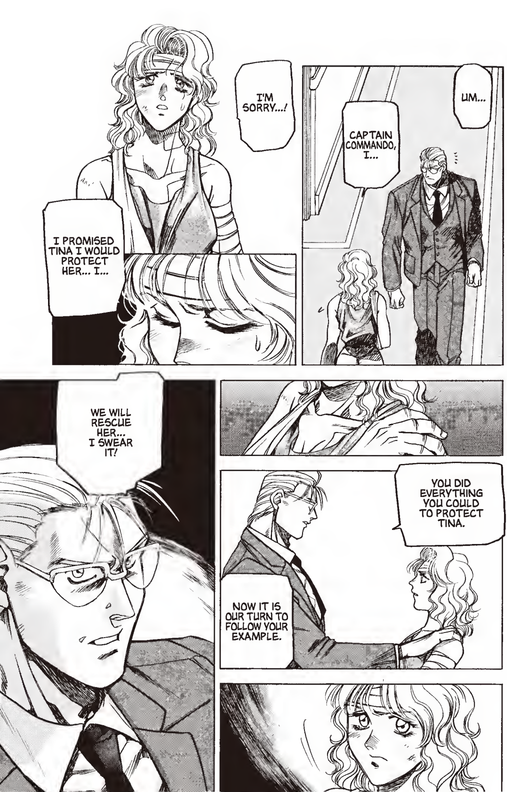

...
WE WERE SENT HERE TO ASSESS THE STABILITY AND SECURITY OF THE CITY.
BUT THIS IS DIFFERENT... THIS IS SCUMOCIDE MAKING ITS MOVE AS AN ENTITY.
WHATEVER HAPPENS NEXT, YOU CAN BE SURE IT'LL BE BIG.
AS FOR DOLG...
HE WAS TRYING TO CONQUER THIS CITY AS A MEMBER OF SCUMOCIDE.

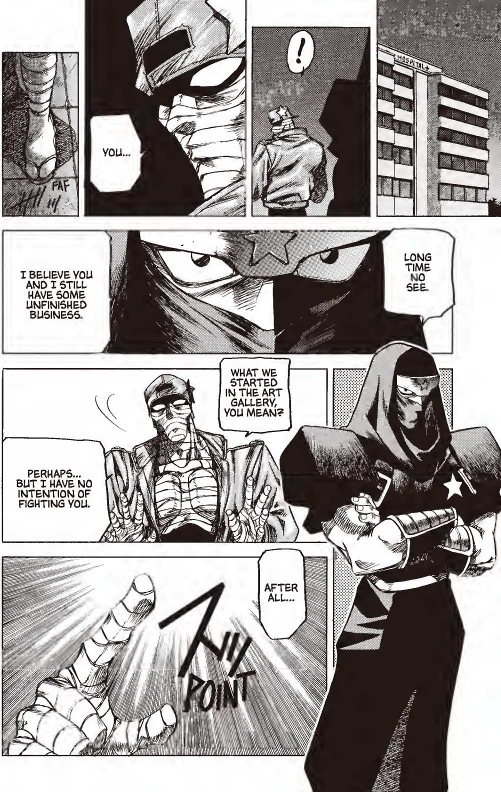

THERE ARE OVER EIGHT MILLION CITIZENS IN THIS CITY... SOON TO BE VICTIMS.
Giggle
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT CAPTAIN COMMANDO PULLS OUT OF HIS HAT THIS TIME!
OF COURSE, NOW THAT WE ARE NO LONGER UNDER THE PROTECTION OF SCUMOCIDE, WE ARE COUNTED AMONG THE POTENTIAL VICTIMS.
We are?
WE WILL ASSIST YOU IN ANY WAY THAT WE CAN.
CLENCH
TIME MOVES ON, AGES COME AND GO...
YET IT SEEMS WAR AND CONFLICT WILL ALWAYS HAVE A PLACE IN THIS WORLD.

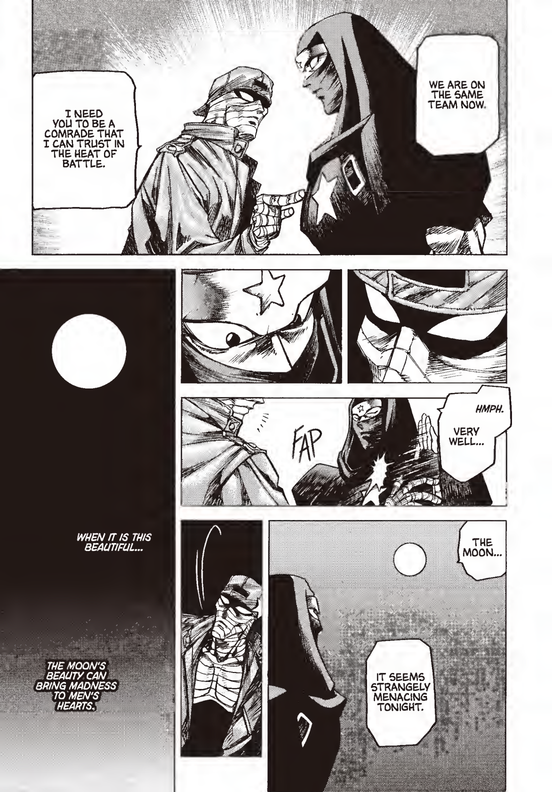

HE IS RESTING...
MY HEART WEEPS FOR DR. HOOVER.
ALBERT...
IT'LL BE OKAY!
THE DOCTORS ALL SAID HE WILL RECOVER AFTER SOME REST!
TAP
SARAH...
YO.

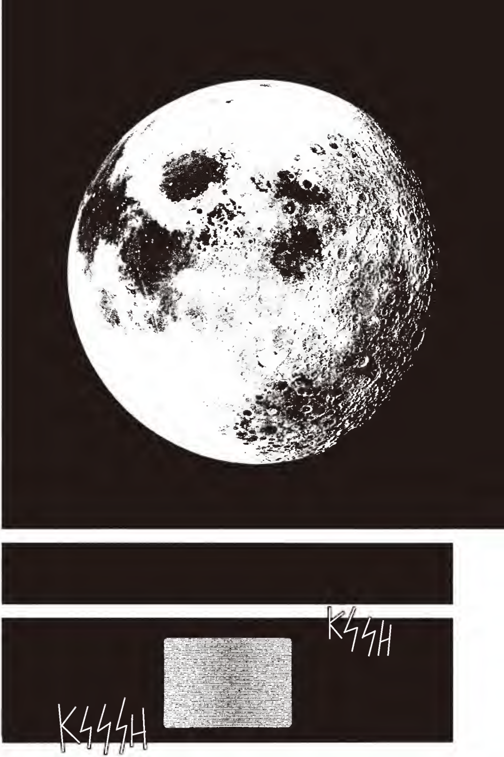

SHOULDN'T YOU BE RESTING, MISS SARAH?
I ACHE ALL OVER, BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO KEEP ME DOWN!
I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT...
チラッ
GLARE
ガチャ
KREAK
THE DOCTOR IS RESTING NOW, AND THANKFULLY HIS WOUNDS WERE NOT FATAL.
M... MISS AYA...!
YES?
THE BED... IT'S EMPTY...!
HUH!?

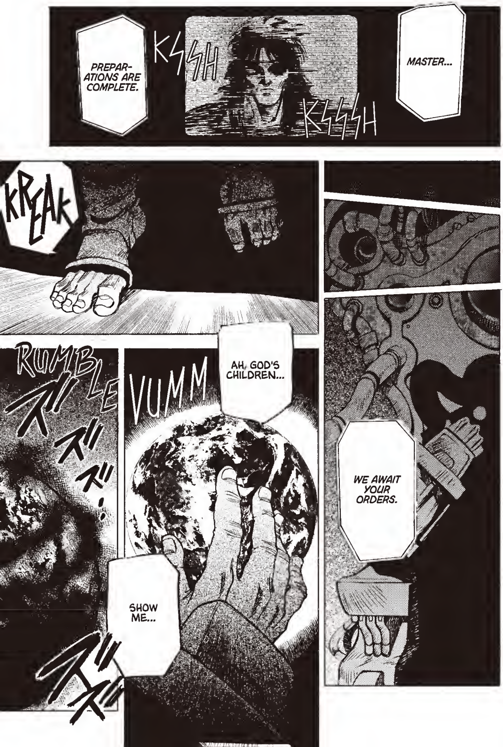

DOCTOR!
DR. HOOVER! ARE YOU HERE!?
TURN
WE HAVE TO FIND HIM!
BUMP
AAAHH!!
OH!!
MR. CARLISLE!
WHAT'S GOING ON...?
IT'S THE DOCTOR...
HE DISAPPEARED FROM HIS HOSPITAL ROOM!
WE'LL FIND HIM.
LET'S START BY SEARCHING THE ENTIRE HOSPITAL.
YES, SIR!
RUSH

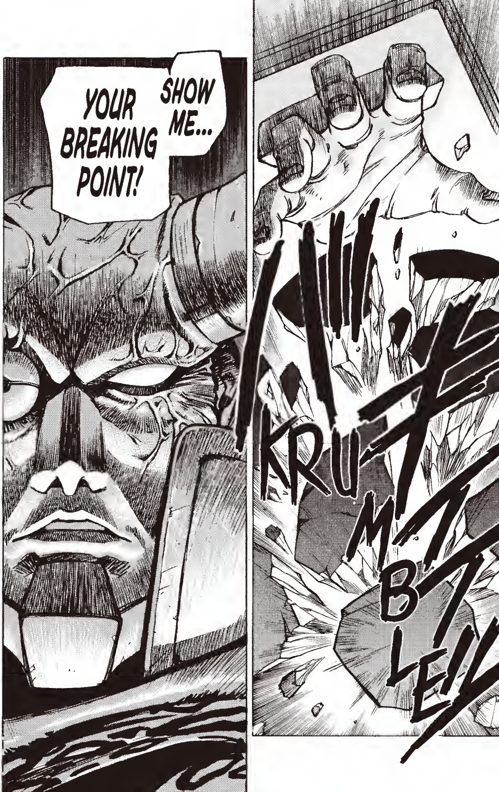

UM...
CAPTAIN COMMANDO, I...
I'M SORRY...!
I PROMISED TINA I WOULD PROTECT HER... I...
YOU DID EVERYTHING YOU COULD TO PROTECT TINA.
NOW IT IS OUR TURN TO FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE.
WE WILL RESCUE HER... I SWEAR IT!

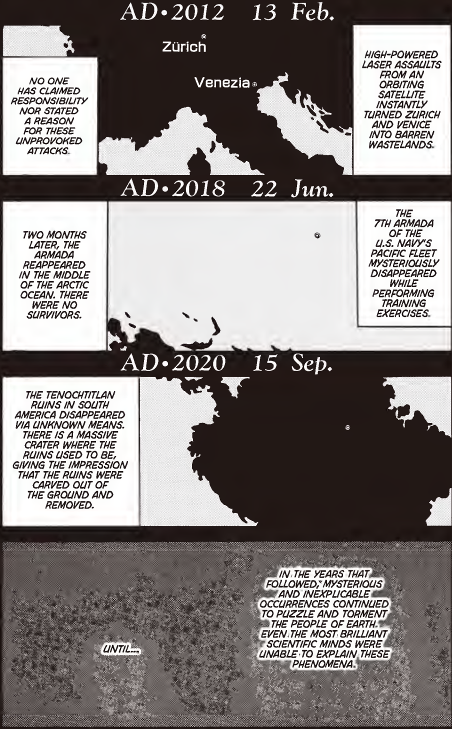

HOSPITAL+
!
YOU...
FAF
LONG TIME NO SEE.
I BELIEVE YOU AND I STILL HAVE SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS.
WHAT WE STARTED IN THE ART GALLERY, YOU MEAN?
PERHAPS... BUT I HAVE NO INTENTION OF FIGHTING YOU.
AFTER ALL...
POINT

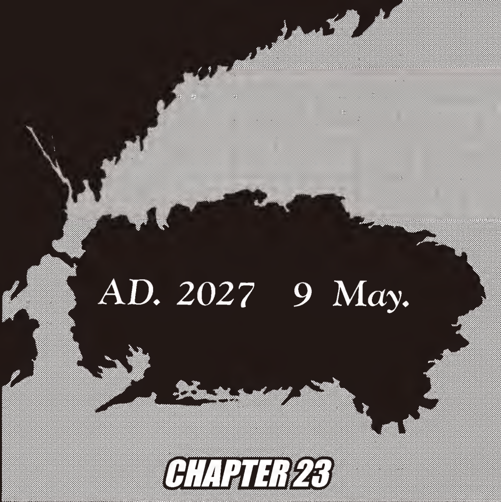

WE ARE ON THE SAME TEAM NOW.
I NEED YOU TO BE A COMRADE THAT I CAN TRUST IN THE HEAT OF BATTLE.
HMPH.
VERY WELL...
FAP
THE MOON...
IT SEEMS STRANGELY MENACING TONIGHT.
WHEN IT IS THIS BEAUTIFUL...
THE MOON'S BEAUTY CAN BRING MADNESS TO MEN'S HEARTS.


KSSH
KSSSH


MASTER...
KSSSH
KSSH
PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE.
WE AWAIT YOUR ORDERS.
KREAK
AH, GOD'S CHILDREN...
VUMM
SHOW ME...
RUMBLE
ズズズ…
ズズ


KRUMBLE
SHOW ME...
YOUR BREAKING POINT!


AD•2012 13 Feb.
Zürich
Venezia
HIGH-POWERED LASER ASSAULTS FROM AN ORBITING SATELLITE INSTANTLY TURNED ZURICH AND VENICE INTO BARREN WASTELANDS.
NO ONE HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY NOR STATED A REASON FOR THESE UNPROVOKED ATTACKS.
AD•2018 22 Jun.
THE 7TH ARMADA OF THE U.S. NAVY'S PACIFIC FLEET MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED WHILE PERFORMING TRAINING EXERCISES.
TWO MONTHS LATER, THE ARMADA REAPPEARED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ARCTIC OCEAN. THERE WERE NO SURVIVORS.
AD•2020 15 Sep.
THE TENOCHTITLAN RUINS IN SOUTH AMERICA DISAPPEARED VIA UNKNOWN MEANS. THERE IS A MASSIVE CRATER WHERE THE RUINS USED TO BE, GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT THE RUINS WERE CARVED OUT OF THE GROUND AND REMOVED.
IN THE YEARS THAT FOLLOWED, MYSTERIOUS AND INEXPLICABLE OCCURRENCES CONTINUED TO PUZZLE AND TORMENT THE PEOPLE OF EARTH. EVEN THE MOST BRILLIANT SCIENTIFIC MINDS WERE UNABLE TO EXPLAIN THESE PHENOMENA.
UNTIL...



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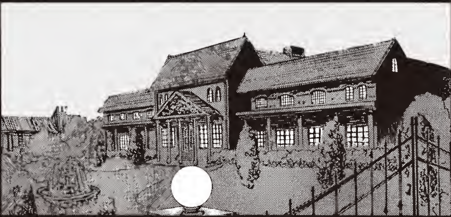
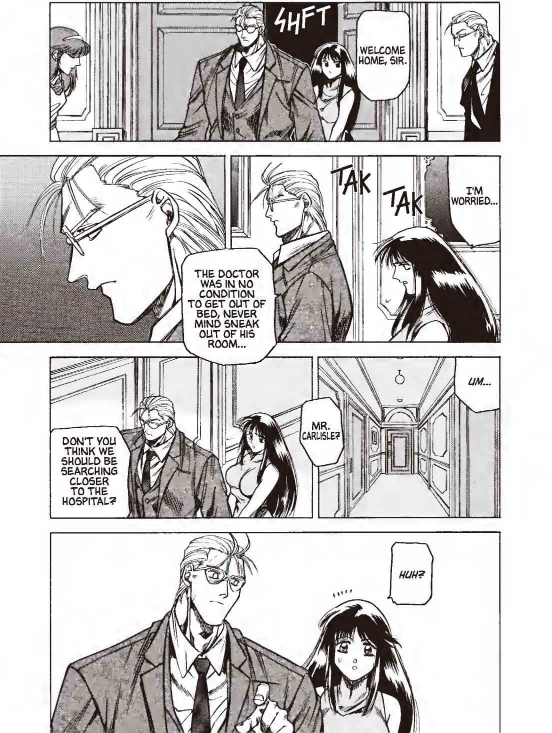
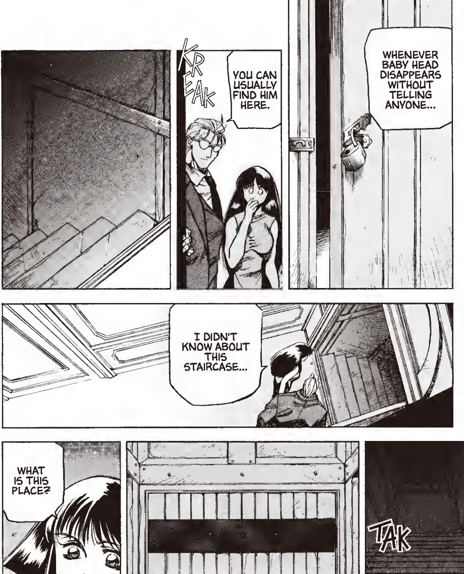
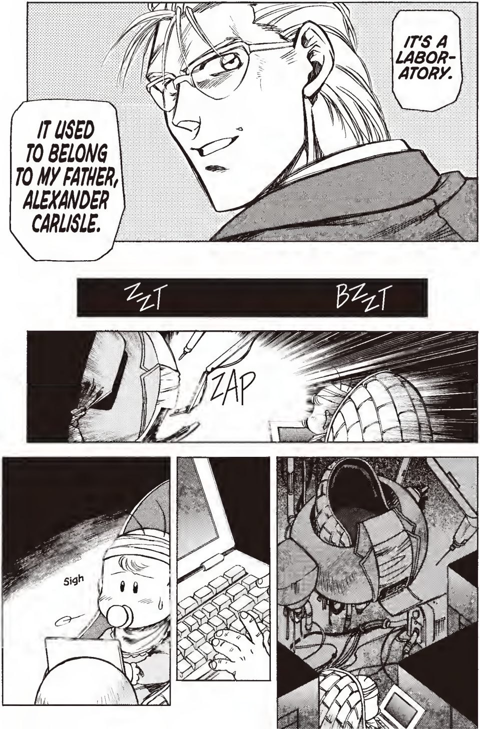
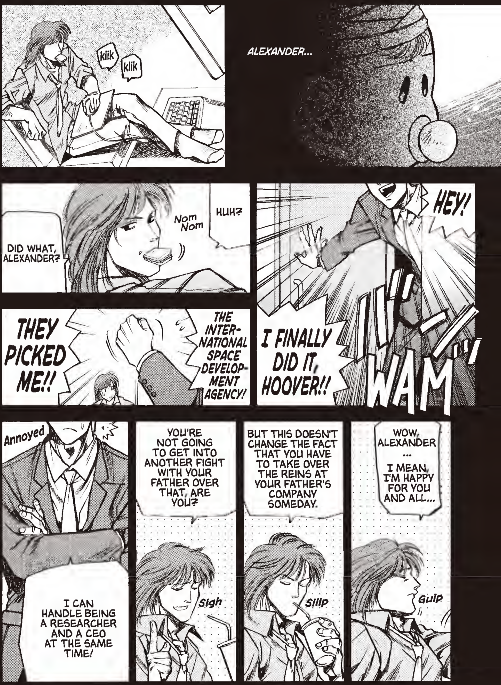
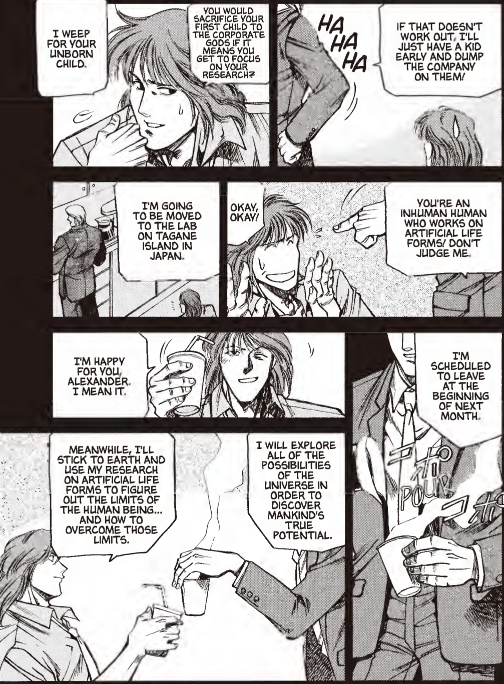


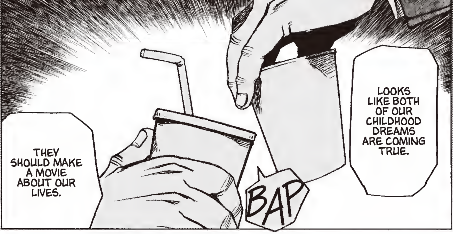

WELCOME HOME, SIR.
SHFT
I'M WORRIED...
TAK
TAK
THE DOCTOR WAS IN NO CONDITION TO GET OUT OF BED, NEVER MIND SNEAK OUT OF HIS ROOM...
UM...
MR. CARLISLE?
DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD BE SEARCHING CLOSER TO THE HOSPITAL?
HUH?

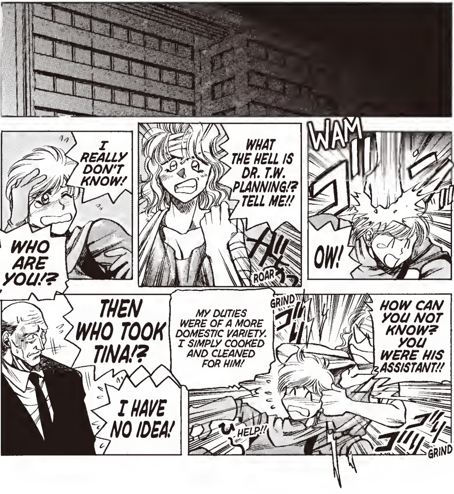

WHENEVER BABY HEAD DISAPPEARS WITHOUT TELLING ANYONE...
KREAK
YOU CAN USUALLY FIND HIM HERE.
I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS STAIRCASE...
TAK
TAK
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

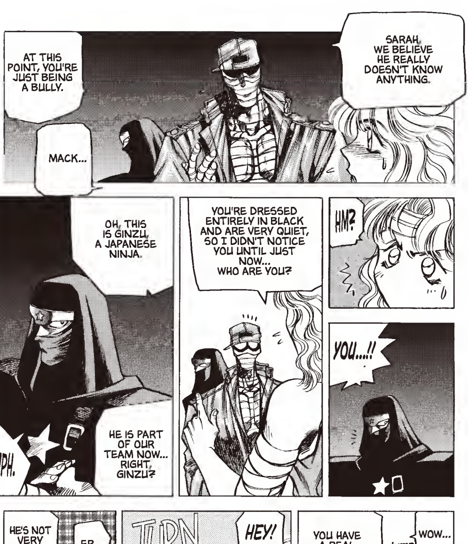

IT'S A LABORATORY.
IT USED TO BELONG TO MY FATHER, ALEXANDER CARLISLE.
BZZT
ZZZT
ZAP
Sigh

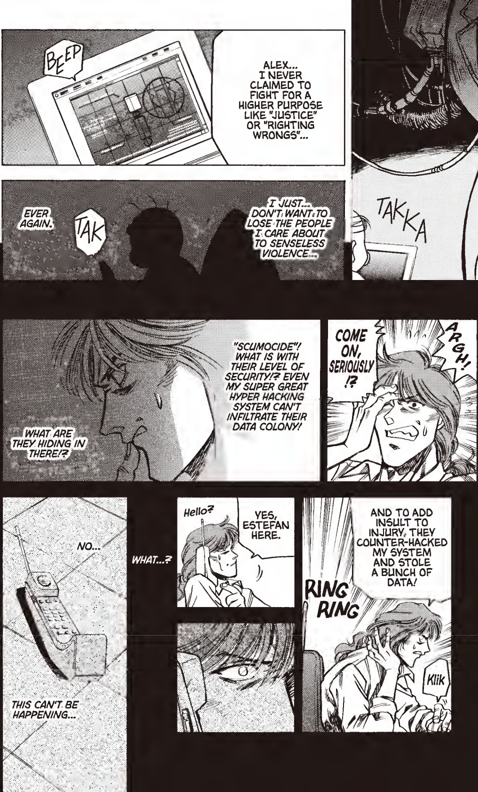

ALEXANDER...
klik
klik
HEY!
I FINALLY DID IT, HOOVER!!
WAM
HUH?
Nom Nom
DID WHAT, ALEXANDER?
THE INTER-NATIONAL SPACE DEVELOP-MENT AGENCY!
THEY PICKED ME!!
WOW, ALEXANDER ... I MEAN, I'M HAPPY FOR YOU AND ALL...
Gulp
BUT THIS DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE TO TAKE OVER THE REINS AT YOUR FATHER'S COMPANY SOMEDAY.
Slip
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET INTO ANOTHER FIGHT WITH YOUR FATHER OVER THAT, ARE YOU?
Sigh
Annoyed
I CAN HANDLE BEING A RESEARCHER AND A CEO AT THE SAME TIME!

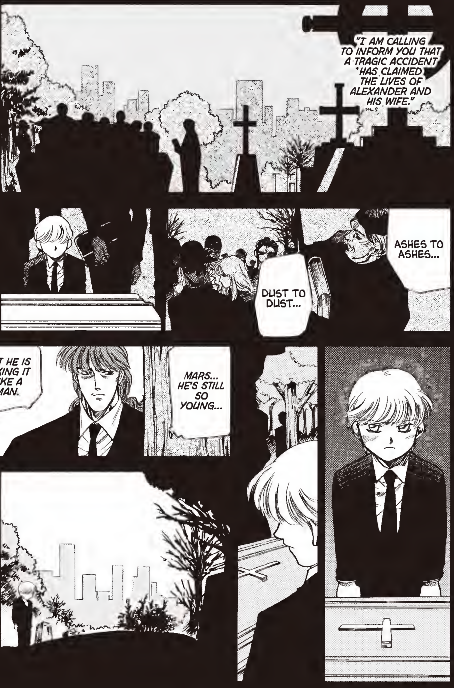

IF THAT DOESN'T WORK OUT, I'LL JUST HAVE A KID EARLY AND DUMP THE COMPANY ON THEM!
HA HA HA
YOU WOULD SACRIFICE YOUR FIRST CHILD TO THE CORPORATE GODS IF IT MEANS YOU GET TO FOCUS ON YOUR RESEARCH?
I WEEP FOR YOUR UNBORN CHILD.
YOU'RE AN INHUMAN HUMAN WHO WORKS ON ARTIFICIAL LIFE FORMS! DON'T JUDGE ME.
OKAY, OKAY!
I'M GOING TO BE MOVED TO THE LAB ON TAGANE ISLAND IN JAPAN.
I'M SCHEDULED TO LEAVE AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT MONTH.
POUR
I'M HAPPY FOR YOU, ALEXANDER. I MEAN IT.
I WILL EXPLORE ALL OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE UNIVERSE IN ORDER TO DISCOVER MANKIND'S TRUE POTENTIAL.
MEANWHILE, I'LL STICK TO EARTH AND USE MY RESEARCH ON ARTIFICIAL LIFE FORMS TO FIGURE OUT THE LIMITS OF THE HUMAN BEING... AND HOW TO OVERCOME THOSE LIMITS.

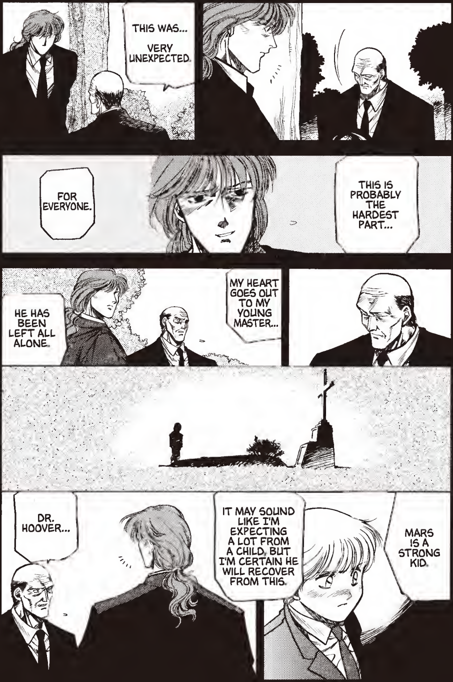

LOOKS LIKE BOTH OF OUR CHILDHOOD DREAMS ARE COMING TRUE.
THEY SHOULD MAKE A MOVIE ABOUT OUR LIVES.
BAP

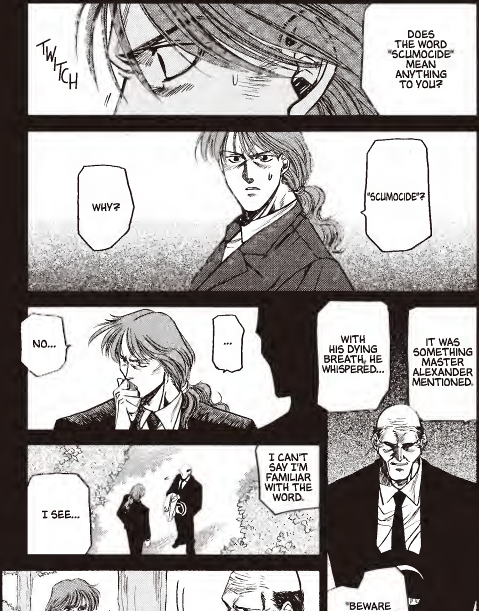

WAM
OW!
WHAT THE HELL IS DR. T.W. PLANNING!? TELL ME!!
ROAR
I REALLY DON'T KNOW!
WHO ARE YOU!?
HOW CAN YOU NOT KNOW? YOU WERE HIS ASSISTANT!!
MY DUTIES WERE OF A MORE DOMESTIC VARIETY. I SIMPLY COOKED AND CLEANED FOR HIM!
GRIND
HELP!!
GRIND
THEN WHO TOOK TINA!?
I HAVE NO IDEA!

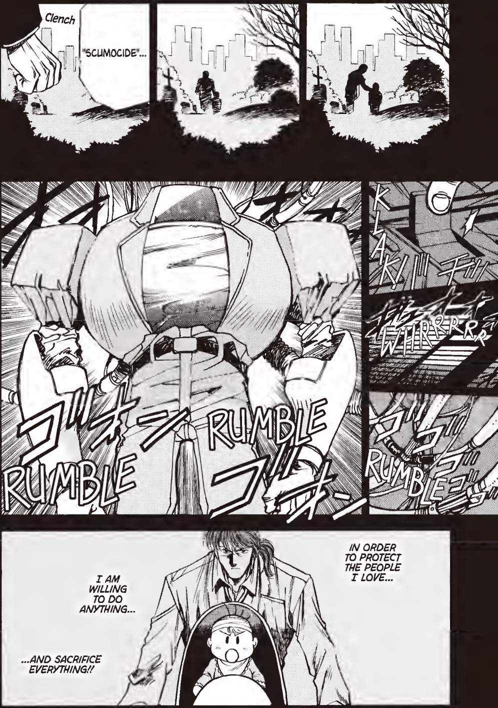

SARAH, WE BELIEVE HE REALLY DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING.
AT THIS POINT, YOU'RE JUST BEING A BULLY.
MACK...
HM?
YOU...!!
YOU'RE DRESSED ENTIRELY IN BLACK AND ARE VERY QUIET, SO I DIDN'T NOTICE YOU UNTIL JUST NOW... WHO ARE YOU?
OH, THIS IS GINZU, A JAPANESE NINJA.
HE IS PART OF OUR TEAM NOW... RIGHT, GINZU?
HMPH.
WOW...
YOU HAVE A REAL NINJA ON YOUR TEAM?
Jump
Uh...
Touch
Touch
Touch
HEY!
TURN
ER...
HE'S NOT VERY FRIENDLY, IS HE?
BOO!

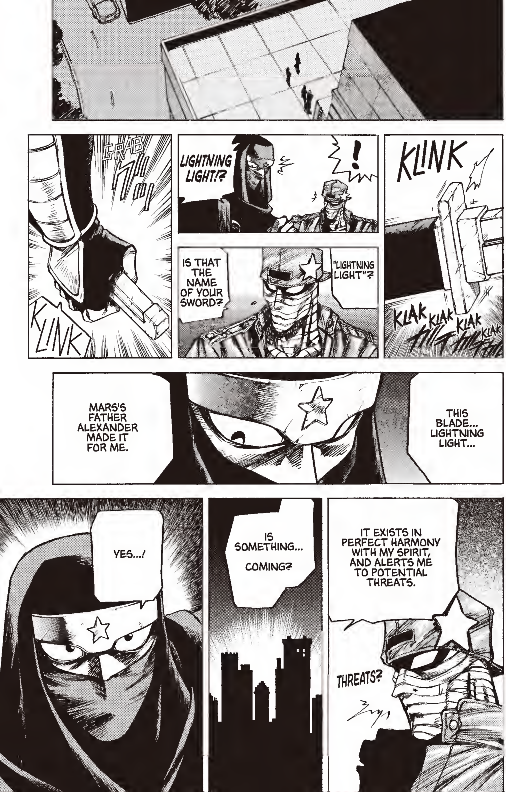

TAKKA
BEEP
ALEX... I NEVER CLAIMED TO FIGHT FOR A HIGHER PURPOSE LIKE "JUSTICE" OR "RIGHTING WRONGS"...
I JUST... DON'T WANT TO LOSE THE PEOPLE I CARE ABOUT TO SENSELESS VIOLENCE...
TAK
EVER AGAIN.
ARGH!
COME ON, SERIOUSLY!?
"SCUMOCIDE"! WHAT IS WITH THEIR LEVEL OF SECURITY!? EVEN MY SUPER GREAT HYPER HACKING SYSTEM CAN'T INFILTRATE THEIR DATA COLONY!
WHAT ARE THEY HIDING IN THERE!?
AND TO ADD INSULT TO INJURY, THEY COUNTER-HACKED MY SYSTEM AND STOLE A BUNCH OF DATA!
RING RING
Klik
YES, ESTEFAN HERE.
Hello?
WHAT...?
NO...
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING...

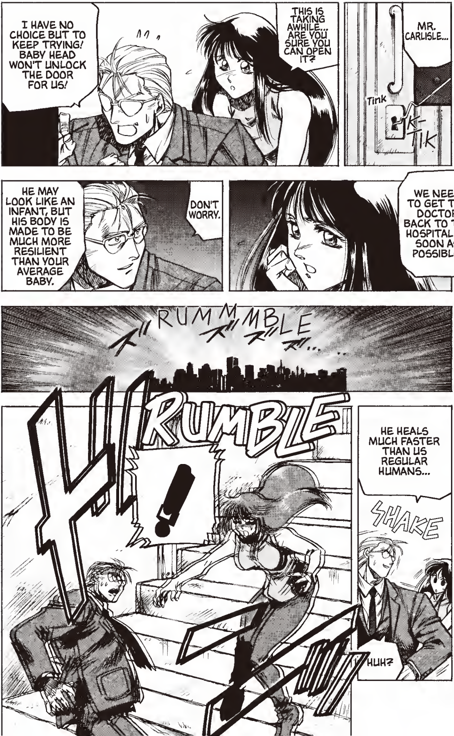

"I AM CALLING TO INFORM YOU THAT A TRAGIC ACCIDENT HAS CLAIMED THE LIVES OF ALEXANDER AND HIS WIFE."
ASHES TO ASHES...
DUST TO DUST...
MARS... HE'S STILL SO YOUNG...
BUT HE IS TAKING IT LIKE A MAN.

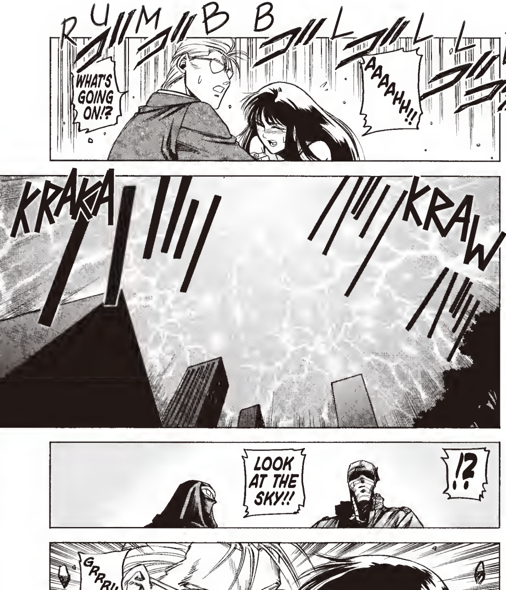

THIS WAS... VERY UNEXPECTED.
THIS IS PROBABLY THE HARDEST PART...
FOR EVERYONE.
MY HEART GOES OUT TO MY YOUNG MASTER...
HE HAS BEEN LEFT ALL ALONE.
MARS IS A STRONG KID.
IT MAY SOUND LIKE I'M EXPECTING A LOT FROM A CHILD, BUT I'M CERTAIN HE WILL RECOVER FROM THIS.
DR. HOOVER...

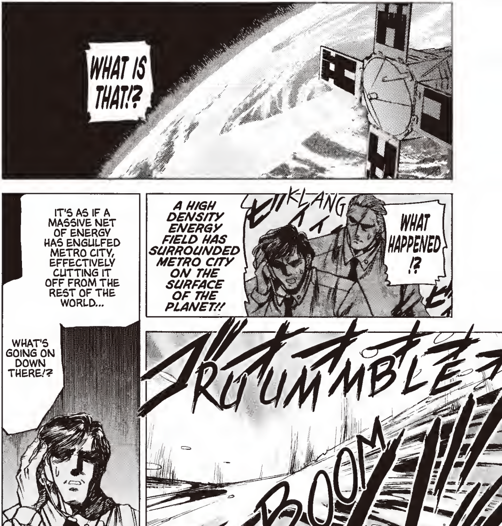

DOES THE WORD "SCUMOCIDE" MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU?
TWITCH
"SCUMOCIDE"?
WHY?
IT WAS SOMETHING MASTER ALEXANDER MENTIONED.
WITH HIS DYING BREATH, HE WHISPERED...
...
NO...
I CAN'T SAY I'M FAMILIAR WITH THE WORD.
I SEE...
"BEWARE SCUMOCIDE." IT HAS TROUBLED MY THOUGHTS EVER SINCE.

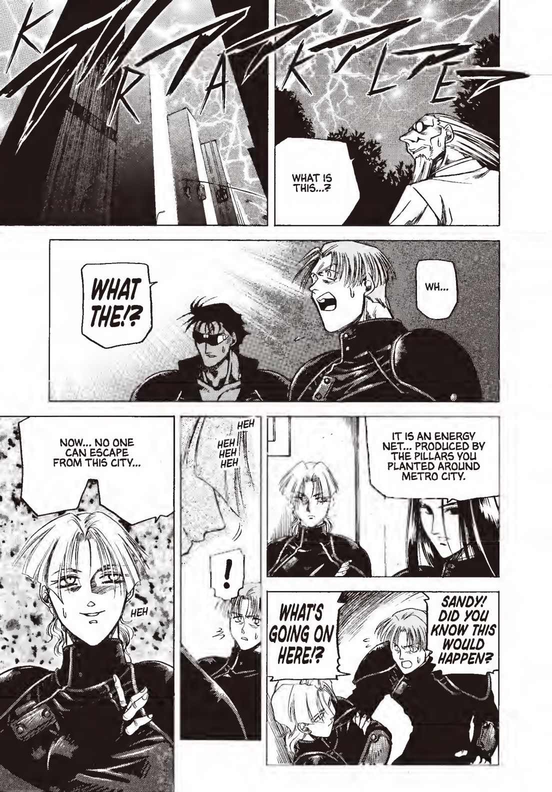

"SCUMOCIDE"...
Clench
KLAK!!
WHRRRRRR
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE I LOVE...
I AM WILLING TO DO ANYTHING...
...AND SACRIFICE EVERYTHING!!

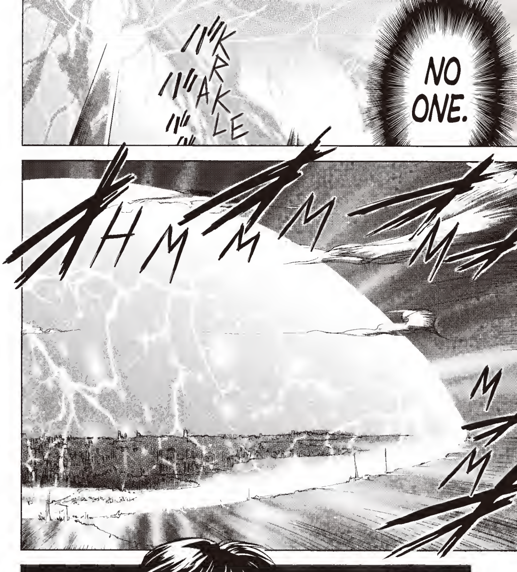

KLINK
KLAK KLAK KLAK KLAK
!
LIGHTNING LIGHT!?
"LIGHTNING LIGHT"?
IS THAT THE NAME OF YOUR SWORD?
GRAB
KLINK
THIS BLADE... LIGHTNING LIGHT...
MARS'S FATHER ALEXANDER MADE IT FOR ME.
IT EXISTS IN PERFECT HARMONY WITH MY SPIRIT, AND ALERTS ME TO POTENTIAL THREATS.
THREATS?
IS SOMETHING... COMING?
YES...!

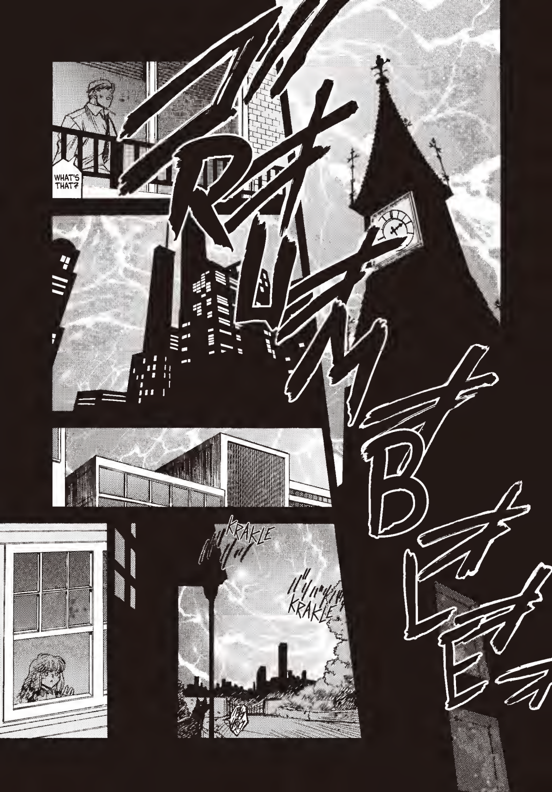

MR. CARLISLE...
Tink
K-TIK
THIS IS TAKING AWHILE... ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN OPEN IT?
I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO KEEP TRYING! BABY HEAD WON'T UNLOCK THE DOOR FOR US!
WE NEED TO GET THE DOCTOR BACK TO THE HOSPITAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
DON'T WORRY.
HE MAY LOOK LIKE AN INFANT, BUT HIS BODY IS MADE TO BE MUCH MORE RESILIENT THAN YOUR AVERAGE BABY.
RUMMMMBLE
ズ ズ ズ ズ...
HE HEALS MUCH FASTER THAN US REGULAR HUMANS...
SHAKE
HUH?
RUMBLE
!

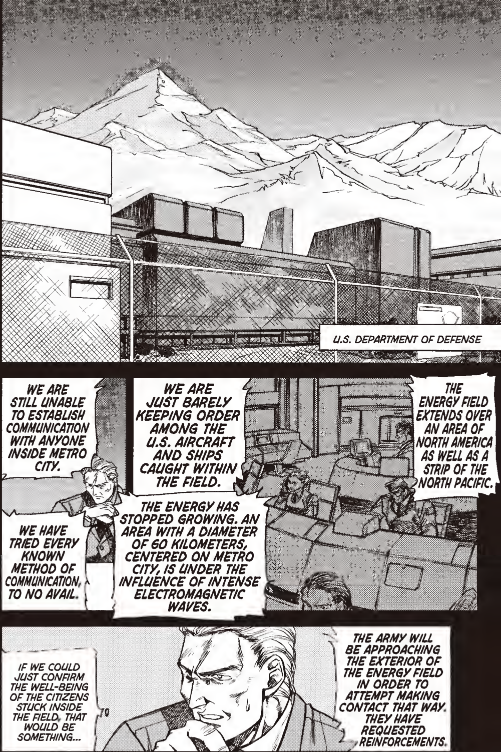

RUMBBLLLE
AAAAHH!!
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
KRAKA
KRAW
!?
LOOK AT THE SKY!!
GRRR!!

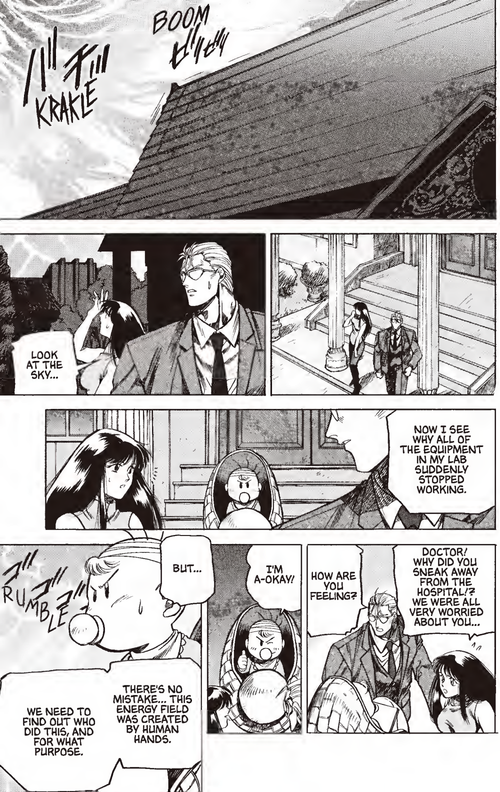

WHAT IS THAT!?
KLANG
WHAT HAPPENED!?
A HIGH DENSITY ENERGY FIELD HAS SURROUNDED METRO CITY ON THE SURFACE OF THE PLANET!!
RUMMBLE
BOOM
KLANG
IT'S NO USE!
WE CAN'T ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH ANYONE INSIDE METRO CITY!!
IT'S AS IF A MASSIVE NET OF ENERGY HAS ENGULFED METRO CITY, EFFECTIVELY CUTTING IT OFF FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD...
WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE!?

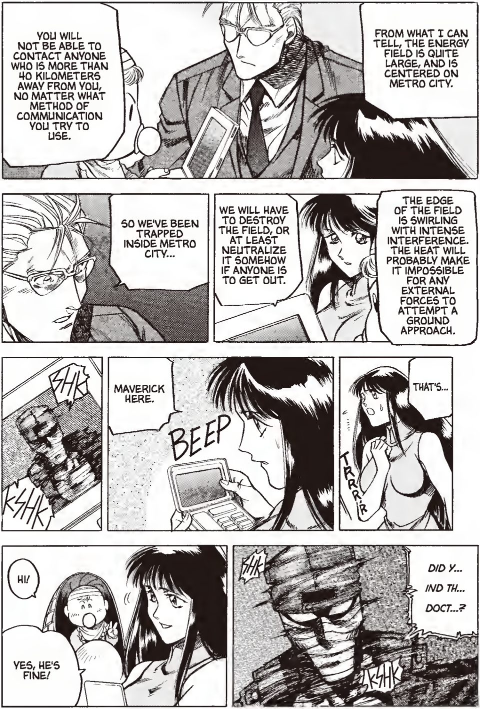

KRAAKLE
WHAT IS THIS...?
WHAT THE!?
WH...
NOW... NO ONE CAN ESCAPE FROM THIS CITY...
HEH
HEH HEH HEH HEH
!
IT IS AN ENERGY NET... PRODUCED BY THE PILLARS YOU PLANTED AROUND METRO CITY.
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!?
SANDY! DID YOU KNOW THIS WOULD HAPPEN?

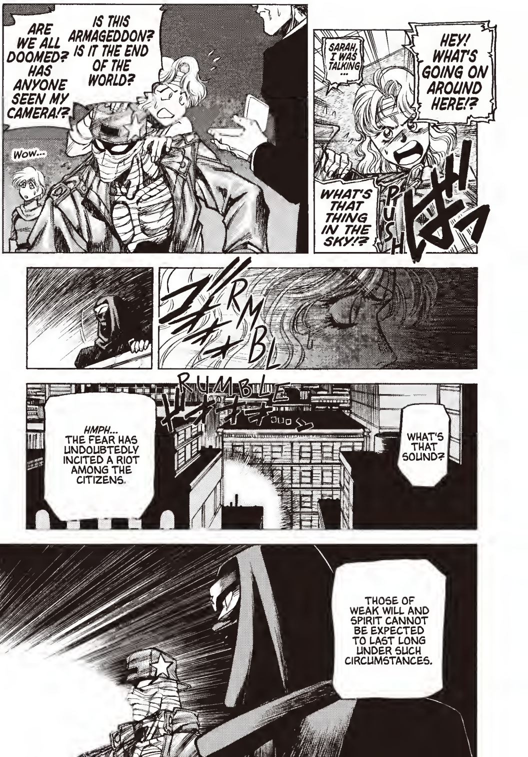

NO ONE.
KRAKLE
HMMMMM
MMM
SO IT BEGINS...
RUMBLE

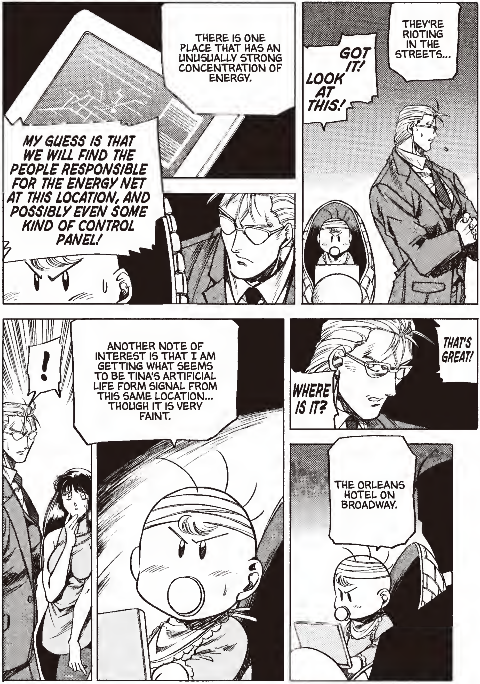

RUMBLE
WHAT'S THAT?
KRAKLE
KRAKLE

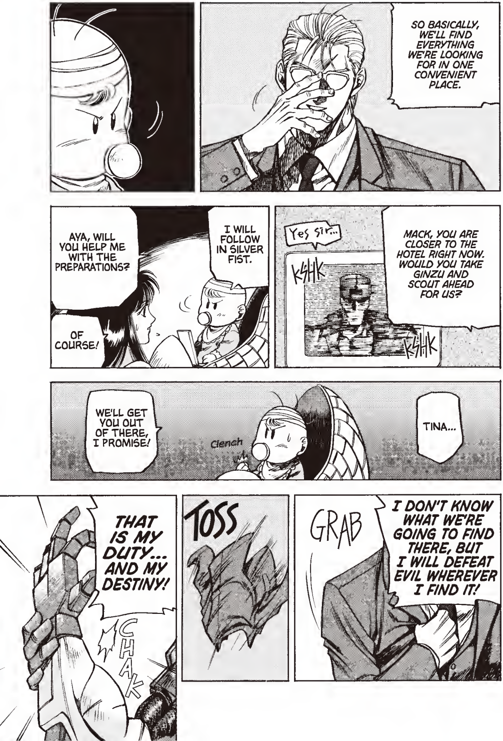

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
THE ENERGY FIELD EXTENDS OVER AN AREA OF NORTH AMERICA AS WELL AS A STRIP OF THE NORTH PACIFIC.
WE ARE JUST BARELY KEEPING ORDER AMONG THE U.S. AIRCRAFT AND SHIPS CAUGHT WITHIN THE FIELD.
WE ARE STILL UNABLE TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION WITH ANYONE INSIDE METRO CITY.
THE ENERGY HAS STOPPED GROWING. AN AREA WITH A DIAMETER OF 60 KILOMETERS, CENTERED ON METRO CITY, IS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTENSE ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES.
WE HAVE TRIED EVERY KNOWN METHOD OF COMMUNICATION, TO NO AVAIL.
THE ARMY WILL BE APPROACHING THE EXTERIOR OF THE ENERGY FIELD IN ORDER TO ATTEMPT MAKING CONTACT THAT WAY. THEY HAVE REQUESTED REINFORCEMENTS.
IF WE COULD JUST CONFIRM THE WELL-BEING OF THE CITIZENS STUCK INSIDE THE FIELD, THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING...

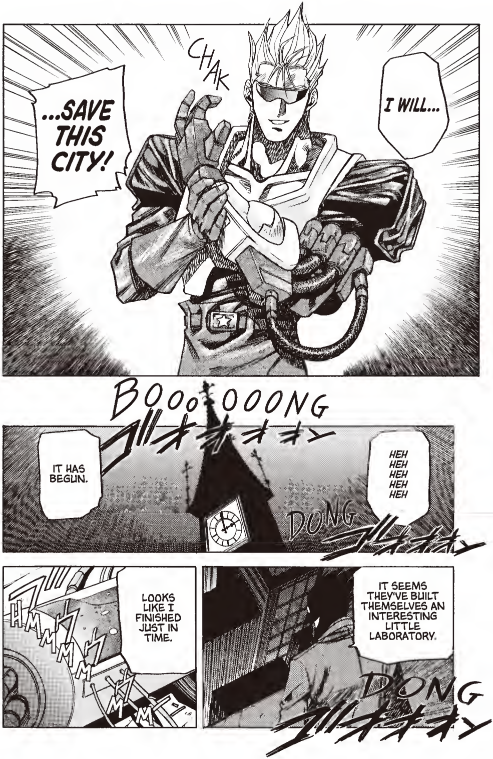

BOOM
KRAKLE
LOOK AT THE SKY...
NOW I SEE WHY ALL OF THE EQUIPMENT IN MY LAB SUDDENLY STOPPED WORKING.
DOCTOR! WHY DID YOU SNEAK AWAY FROM THE HOSPITAL!? WE WERE ALL VERY WORRIED ABOUT YOU...
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
I'M A-OKAY!
BUT...
RUMBLE
THERE'S NO MISTAKE... THIS ENERGY FIELD WAS CREATED BY HUMAN HANDS.
WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHO DID THIS, AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE.

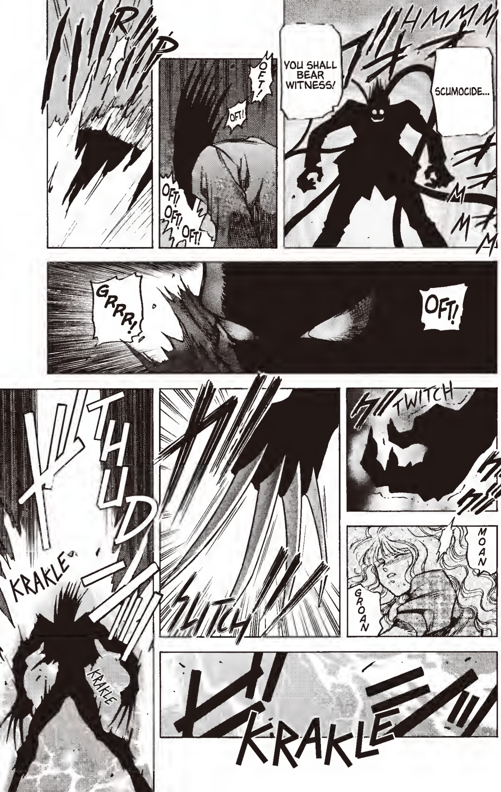

FROM WHAT I CAN TELL, THE ENERGY FIELD IS QUITE LARGE, AND IS CENTERED ON METRO CITY.
YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONTACT ANYONE WHO IS MORE THAN 40 KILOMETERS AWAY FROM YOU, NO MATTER WHAT METHOD OF COMMUNICATION YOU TRY TO USE.
THE EDGE OF THE FIELD IS SWIRLING WITH INTENSE INTERFERENCE. THE HEAT WILL PROBABLY MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY EXTERNAL FORCES TO ATTEMPT A GROUND APPROACH.
WE WILL HAVE TO DESTROY THE FIELD, OR AT LEAST NEUTRALIZE IT SOMEHOW IF ANYONE IS TO GET OUT.
SO WE'VE BEEN TRAPPED INSIDE METRO CITY...
THAT'S...
TRRRR
MAVERICK HERE.
BEEP
SHK
KSHK
SHK
DID Y...
IND TH...
DOCT...?
KSHK
HI!
YES, HE'S FINE!

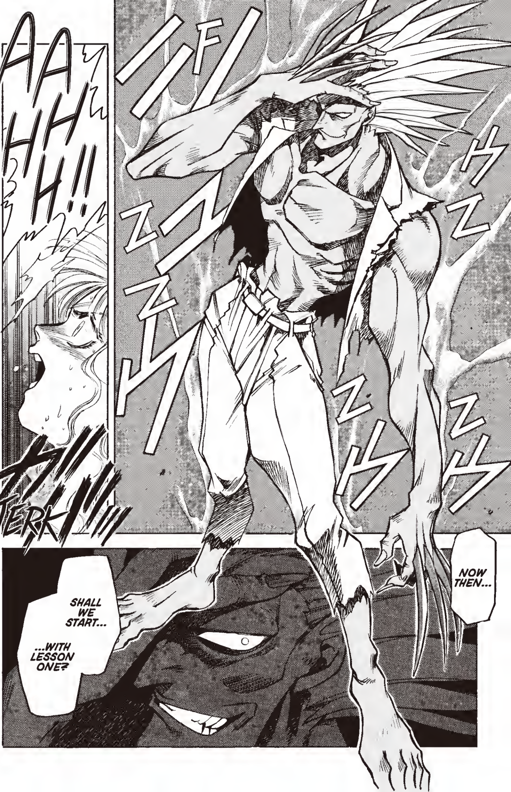

HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE!?
SARAH, I WAS TALKING...
WHAT'S THAT THING IN THE SKY!?
PUSH
ばっ
IS THIS ARMAGEDDON? IS IT THE END OF THE WORLD?
ARE WE ALL DOOMED? HAS ANYONE SEEN MY CAMERA!?
Wow...
RMBL
ゴオオ
RUMBLE
ドオオオ
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
HMPH... THE FEAR HAS UNDOUBTEDLY INCITED A RIOT AMONG THE CITIZENS.
THOSE OF WEAK WILL AND SPIRIT CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO LAST LONG UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES.

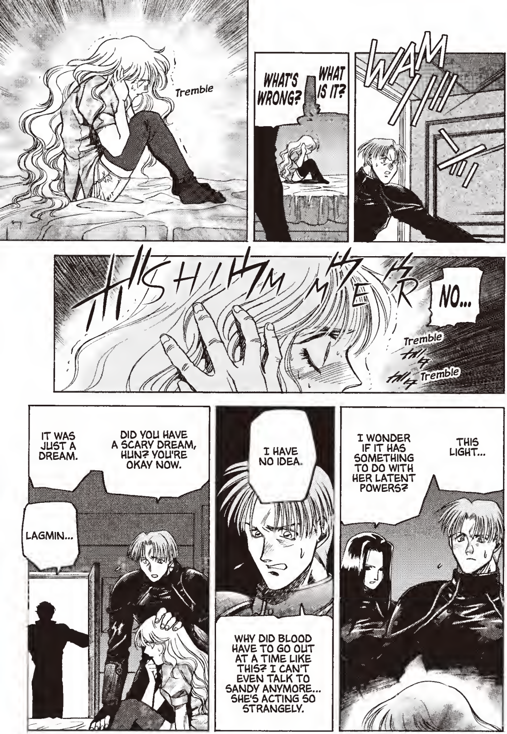

THEY'RE RIOTING IN THE STREETS...
GOT IT! LOOK AT THIS!
THERE IS ONE PLACE THAT HAS AN UNUSUALLY STRONG CONCENTRATION OF ENERGY.
MY GUESS IS THAT WE WILL FIND THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENERGY NET AT THIS LOCATION, AND POSSIBLY EVEN SOME KIND OF CONTROL PANEL!
THAT'S GREAT!
WHERE IS IT?
ANOTHER NOTE OF INTEREST IS THAT I AM GETTING WHAT SEEMS TO BE TINA'S ARTIFICIAL LIFE FORM SIGNAL FROM THIS SAME LOCATION... THOUGH IT IS VERY FAINT.
!
THE ORLEANS HOTEL ON BROADWAY.

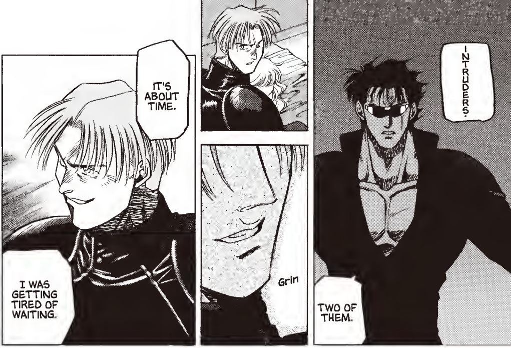

SO BASICALLY, WE'LL FIND EVERYTHING WE'RE LOOKING FOR IN ONE CONVENIENT PLACE.
AYA, WILL YOU HELP ME WITH THE PREPARATIONS?
OF COURSE!
I WILL FOLLOW IN SILVER FIST.
MACK, YOU ARE CLOSER TO THE HOTEL RIGHT NOW. WOULD YOU TAKE GINZU AND SCOUT AHEAD FOR US?
Yes sir...
KSHK
KSHK
WE'LL GET YOU OUT OF THERE, I PROMISE!
Clench
TINA...
THAT IS MY DUTY... AND MY DESTINY!
CHAK
TOSS
GRAB
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO FIND THERE, BUT I WILL DEFEAT EVIL WHEREVER I FIND IT!

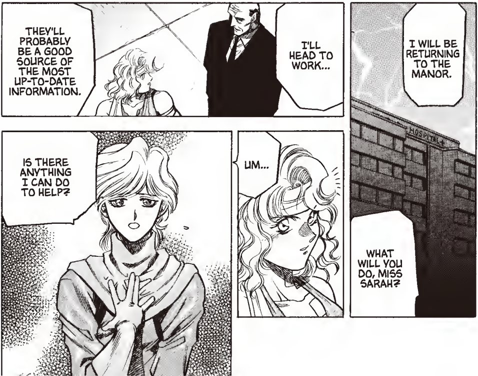

CHAK
I WILL...
...SAVE THIS CITY!
BOOOOOOONG
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH
IT HAS BEGUN.
DONG
IT SEEMS THEY'VE BUILT THEMSELVES AN INTERESTING LITTLE LABORATORY.
DONG
LOOKS LIKE I FINISHED JUST IN TIME.
HMMMMM
MMM

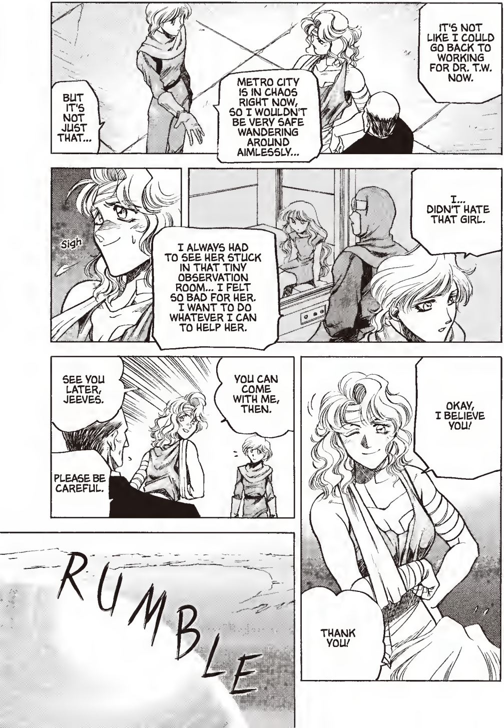

HMMMM
SCUMOCIDE...
YOU SHALL BEAR WITNESS!
MMMM
OFT!
OFT!
OFT! OFT! OFT!
RIP
OFT!
GRRR!
TWITCH
MOAN
GROAN
SLITCH
THUD
KRAKLE
KRAKLE
KRAKLE

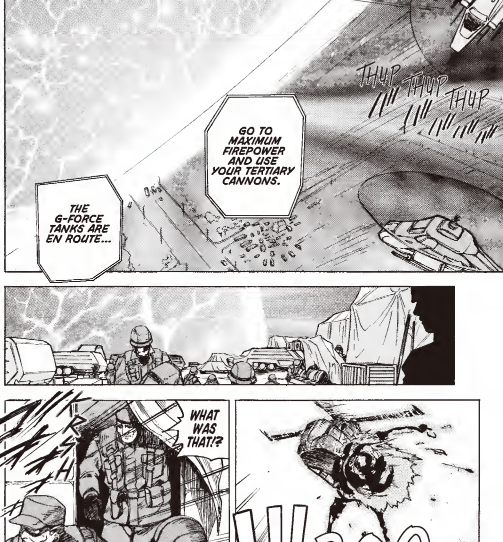

AAHHH!!
JERK
NOW THEN...
SHALL WE START...
...WITH LESSON ONE?

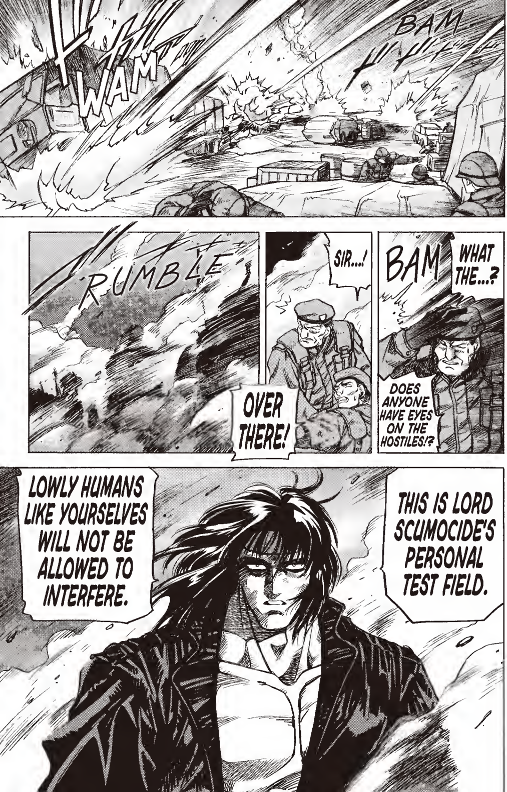

WAM
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT'S WRONG?
Tremble
NO...
SHIMMER
Tremble
Tremble
THIS LIGHT...
I WONDER IF IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH HER LATENT POWERS?
I HAVE NO IDEA.
WHY DID BLOOD HAVE TO GO OUT AT A TIME LIKE THIS? I CAN'T EVEN TALK TO SANDY ANYMORE... SHE'S ACTING SO STRANGELY.
DID YOU HAVE A SCARY DREAM, HUN? YOU'RE OKAY NOW.
IT WAS JUST A DREAM.
LAGMIN...

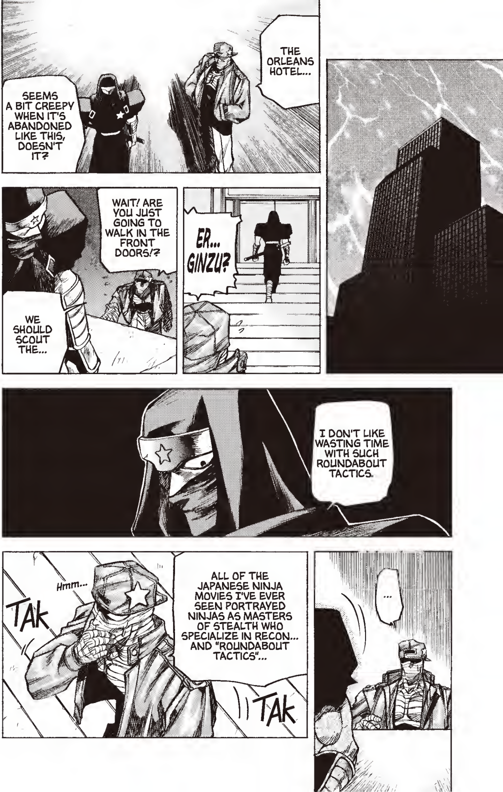

INTRUDERS.
TWO OF THEM.
Grin
IT'S ABOUT TIME.
I WAS GETTING TIRED OF WAITING.

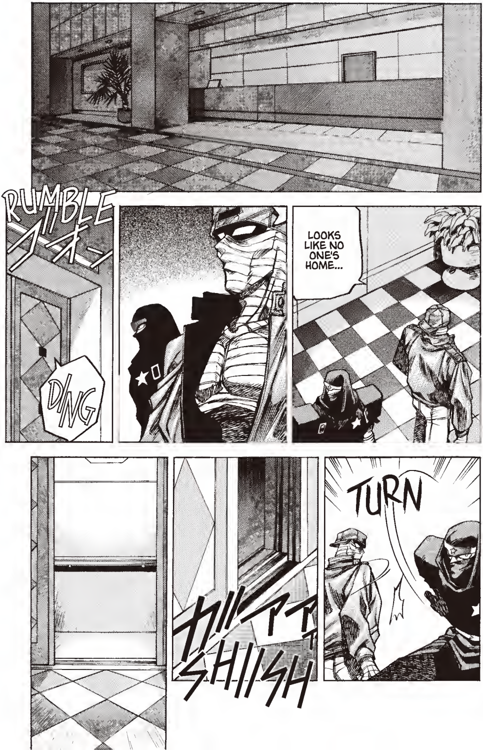

I WILL BE RETURNING TO THE MANOR.
HOSPITAL
WHAT WILL YOU DO, MISS SARAH?
I'LL HEAD TO WORK...
THEY'LL PROBABLY BE A GOOD SOURCE OF THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION.
UM...
IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP?


IT'S NOT LIKE I COULD GO BACK TO WORKING FOR DR. T.W. NOW.
METRO CITY IS IN CHAOS RIGHT NOW, SO I WOULDN'T BE VERY SAFE WANDERING AROUND AIMLESSLY...
BUT IT'S NOT JUST THAT...
I... DIDN'T HATE THAT GIRL.
I ALWAYS HAD TO SEE HER STUCK IN THAT TINY OBSERVATION ROOM... I FELT SO BAD FOR HER. I WANT TO DO WHATEVER I CAN TO HELP HER.
Sigh
OKAY, I BELIEVE YOU!
THANK YOU!
YOU CAN COME WITH ME, THEN.
SEE YOU LATER, JEEVES.
PLEASE BE CAREFUL.
RUMBLE

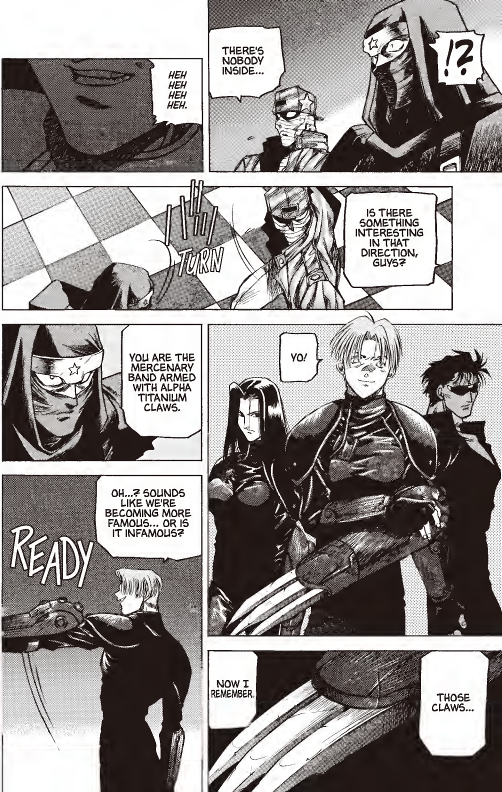

THUP THUP THUP
GO TO MAXIMUM FIREPOWER AND USE YOUR TERTIARY CANNONS.
THE G-FORCE TANKS ARE EN ROUTE...
BOOM
KRSH
WHAT WAS THAT!?
WOOM
WHAT HAPPENED!?

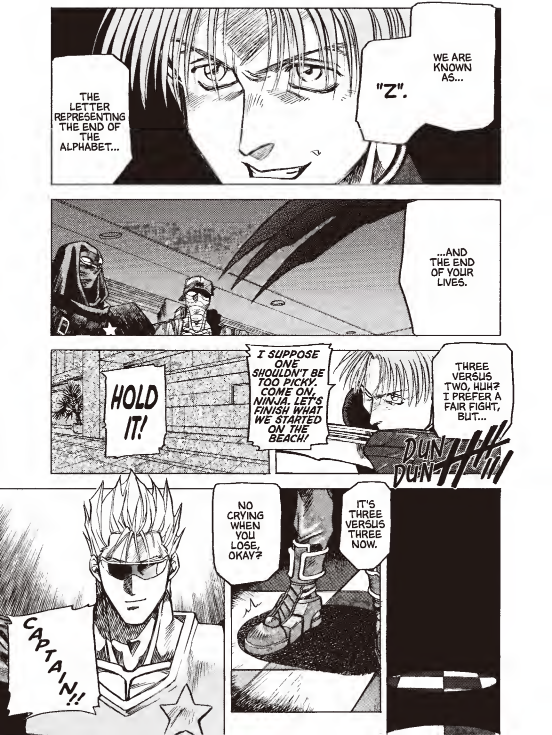

BAM
WAM
BAM
WHAT THE...?
DOES ANYONE HAVE EYES ON THE HOSTILES!?
SIR...!
OVER THERE!
RUMBLE
THIS IS LORD SCUMOCIDE'S PERSONAL TEST FIELD.
LOWLY HUMANS LIKE YOURSELVES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE.

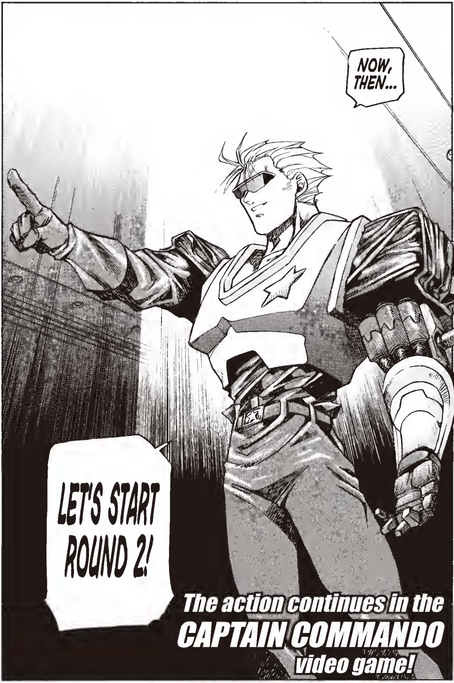

THE ORLEANS HOTEL...
SEEMS A BIT CREEPY WHEN IT'S ABANDONED LIKE THIS, DOESN'T IT?
ER... GINZU?
WAIT! ARE YOU JUST GOING TO WALK IN THE FRONT DOORS!?
WE SHOULD SCOUT THE...
I DON'T LIKE WASTING TIME WITH SUCH ROUNDABOUT TACTICS.
...
Hmm...
TAK
ALL OF THE JAPANESE NINJA MOVIES I'VE EVER SEEN PORTRAYED NINJAS AS MASTERS OF STEALTH WHO SPECIALIZE IN RECON... AND "ROUNDABOUT TACTICS"...
TAK



RUMBLE
クオーン
DING
LOOKS LIKE NO ONE'S HOME...
TURN
カシァァ
SHIISH


THERE'S NOBODY INSIDE...
!?
HEH HEH HEH HEH.
IS THERE SOMETHING INTERESTING IN THAT DIRECTION, GUYS?
TURN
YO!
YOU ARE THE MERCENARY BAND ARMED WITH ALPHA TITANIUM CLAWS.
OH...? SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE BECOMING MORE FAMOUS... OR IS IT INFAMOUS?
READY
THOSE CLAWS...
NOW I REMEMBER.


WE ARE KNOWN AS...
"Z".
THE LETTER REPRESENTING THE END OF THE ALPHABET...
...AND THE END OF YOUR LIVES.
THREE VERSUS TWO, HUH? I PREFER A FAIR FIGHT, BUT...
DUN DUN
I SUPPOSE ONE SHOULDN'T BE TOO PICKY. COME ON, NINJA. LET'S FINISH WHAT WE STARTED ON THE BEACH!
HOLD IT!
IT'S THREE VERSUS THREE NOW.
NO CRYING WHEN YOU LOSE, OKAY?
CAPTAIN!!


NOW, THEN...
LET'S START ROUND 2!
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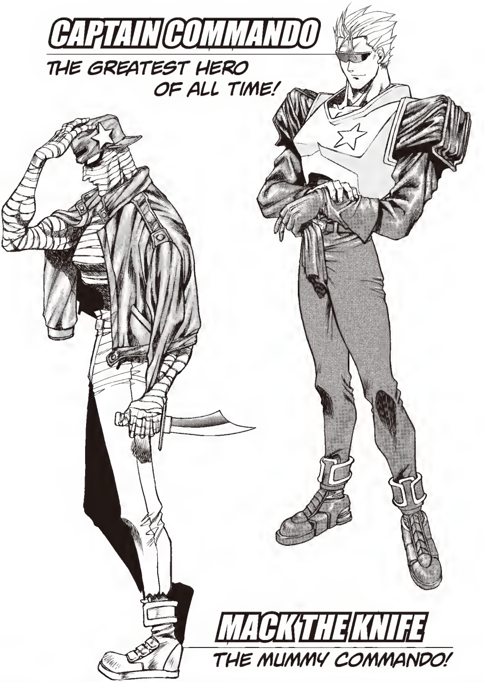
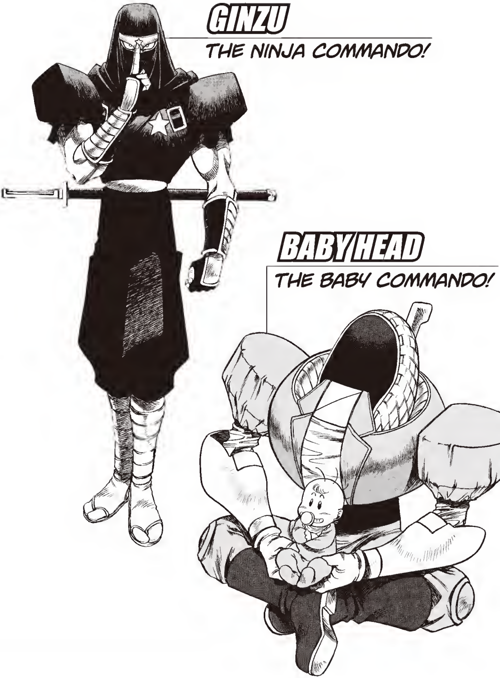
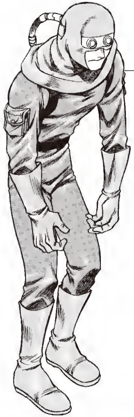


MACK THE KNIFE

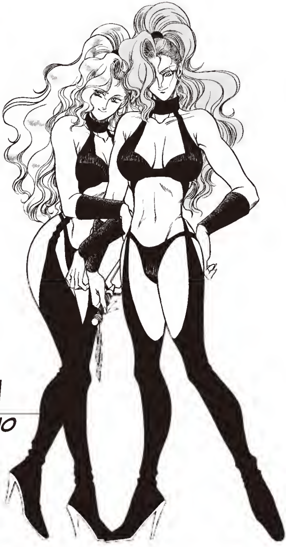
THE MUMMY COMMANDO!


GINZU
THE NINJA COMMANDO!
BABY HEAD
THE BABY COMMANDO!



WOOKY

THE ULTIMATE HECHMAN



CAROL & BRENDA

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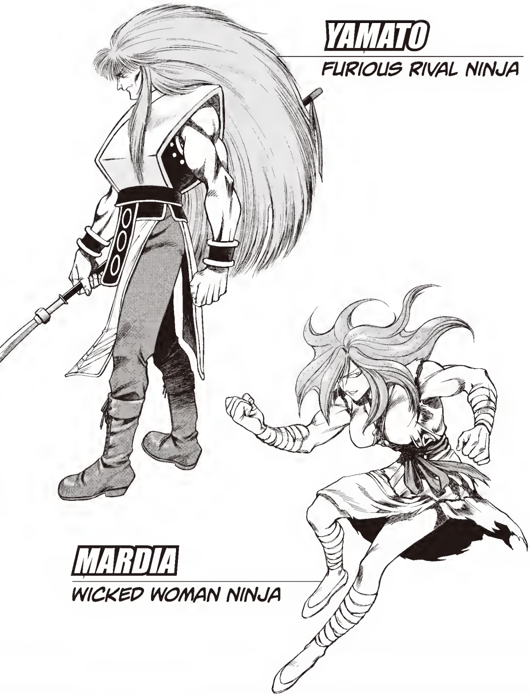
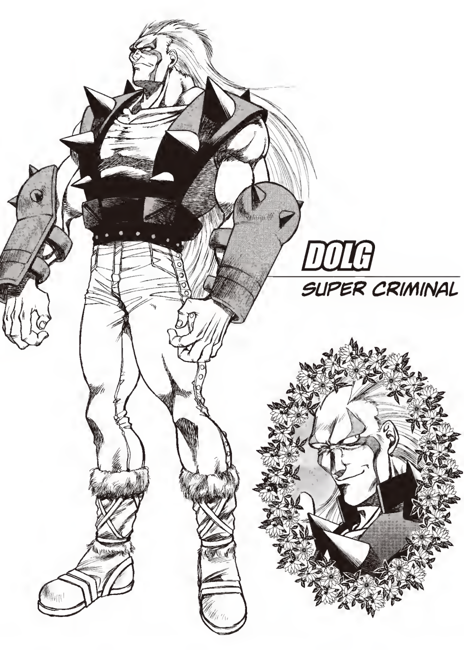


YAMATO

FURIOUS RIVAL NINJA

MARDIA

WICKED WOMAN NINJA



DOLG

SUPER CRIMINAL

Hello everyone!

It's me, Tobashi. It's amazing that we've made it to the second volume already. It's even more amazing that I've managed to stick to the same project for over a year and a half, despite my ridiculously short attention span. What's more, it doesn't look like we're done yet! I do enjoy drawing, but I'm terribly slow at it so I sometimes worry that I won't have time for all this work... That is to say, I'm worried I won't have enough time between my intensive gaming sessions to get work done. I've been afraid to even start a serious RPG these days because I know it'll demand too much time. My PlayStation, Saturn, and more recently purchased CDX are all gathering dust in the corner. The only real gaming I get done these days is through my trips to the arcade center, where I engage in some socially healthy vs. battles. (and even that's been reduced to 2 to 3 times a month!) Lately, the only games I play are Darkstalkers' Revenge and Cyberbots. In Cyberbots, I just play against the CPU with Swordsman. If anyone can tell me the secret to beating Warlock, I'd really appreciate it! I just want to clear the game and see the credits roll. In Darkstalkers, I like to play Hsien-Ko, and I'm currently looking for someone who doesn't use Pyron, Bishamon, or Morrigan to play against. Hmm... I seem to have gone a bit off topic here.

Side-scrollers are great, but I do prefer fighting games, so I hope they'll make a Captain Commando fighting game soon. The Captain is so handsome and even the boss characters are cool, so I think it would make a great fighting game. Please, Capcom? (lol) Well, it was worth a try. If they ever did make a Captain Commando fighting game, I'd probably play with Mack the Knife or Dolg. Though I get the feeling Dolg would have a lot of moves that involve intense stick-spinning, so I might not do very well with him. That was the main reason I had to give up on using Sodom in SF:Alpha.

As mangas based on games go, this one's based on a pretty oldschool game, so I wouldn't be surprised if a lot of our readers haven't played the game. It's my intention to make this manga fun for everyone to read, not just those who are familiar with the game. I hope you will continue to support me. Thanks Capcom, Tabuchi, and everyone at Shinseisha: I look forward to working with you for a long time to come!

Special Thanks to Kaoru Minase and Akira Kudoh!

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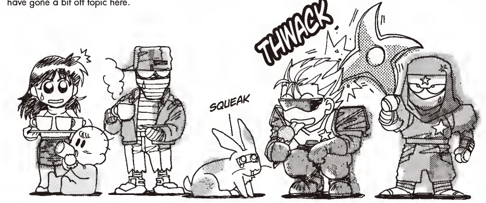

Hey there! How are my little kiddies doing!? I think it's so awesome that volume 2 of "Captain Commando" is out! I should probably take this opportunity to offer my sincerest apologies to Tobashi and Taro Okamoto, the editor. I know I caused you two all kinds of trouble throughout this whole ordeal, so... Sorry guys!

Of course, I haven't forgotten the patient people over at Capcom who had to suffer through checking my careless work over and over. Totally my bad.

In other news, I've come to be known as the great and invincible Tabuchi, but even I need to take time to rest and rejuvenate every so often.

That is exactly why I took a trip to Nagano the other day. I had heard wonderful things about the healing properties of the hot springs down there, and they sounded like exactly what I needed. Unfortunately, Nagano proved far too interesting for an adventurous spirit like me. My amazing if ill-advised late-night temple explorations and impromptu hot spring tours left me feeling more drained than ever. I'm an idiot.

Speaking of Captain Commando, I heard it was finally ported to the Super Famicom the other day. This popular game has over 20,000 machines scattered around your local arcade centers, so all of you naughty kids who haven't gotten around to playing this fantastic game should do so as soon as possible.

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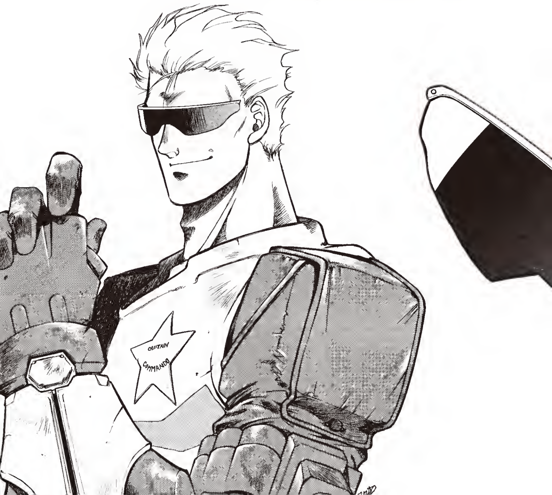

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